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Call for Briefings

RESERVE TIME FOR YOUR FEST XX BRIEFING!

As you know the special twentieth anniversary Fest XX will be May 3-5, 2019 at Camp Leo May in Port Clinton. Last year we had well over 25 marvelous presentations. It is time for you to send us your topics and descriptions. By reserving your slot now, you are guaranteed a good spot on the schedule and your briefing will be listed in the printed program. You are not guaranteed a slot if you do not make a reservation!

The top gun trainer, will receive the Bob Olson Award. This will be voted upon by the battalion as a whole.

Ray and Steve Feller, training officers

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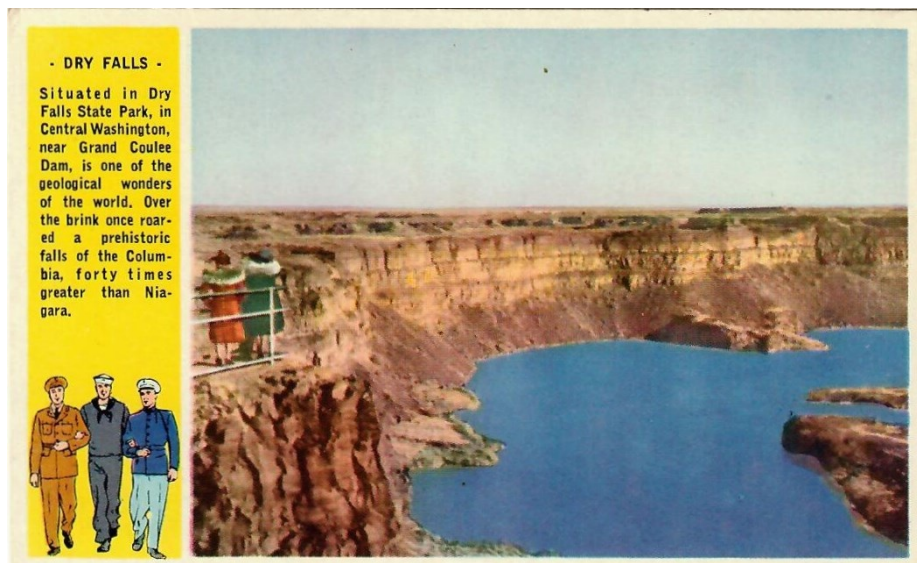
Fest Bid Board Back

by John Phipps

I will be running Bid Boards at the next MPC Fest. This is a reprise of a Fest feature from a few years ago that was created, organized, and run by Jim Aitkin.

All items on the boards will be donations. All money from the sales will go to the Scholarship Fund. All starting bids will be \$1.00. There will be no buyers fee. No returns will be accepted as the funds are a donation. There will be four Bid Boards. Bid Board closings will be around Friday at Lunch, Friday at Dinner, Saturday at Lunch and Saturday at Dinner. Exact time will be posted on the Bid Board. Winning Bidders are expected to pay for and pick up ASAP following the close of the Bid Board. Payment is to be by cash or check. I have about 30 lots now. If you would like to donate, please contact me at phippsjo2002@yahoo.com.

A Nice Find



by Bill Myers

I found a postcard on E-bay while searching for World War II related items. It was a post card of the Columbia River but what caught my eye was a drawing of service members of the Army, Navy

and Marines striding together. I had not seen that on a postcard before. I looked at the image of the back of the postcard and it had "Free" in the area for the stamp and the cancellation stated "BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AND BONDS." The sender was Private Lincoln Roundtree who was stationed at Ft George Wright in Spokane Washington (closed in 1957). He was in a chemical unit (could not decipher his abbreviations). He was mailing it to his sister in Rochester, New York. The message "Tomorrow I move" is certainly interesting. The postcard was "furnished for convenience of men in the armed services by the Washington State Progress Commission."

I found a lot interesting with this postcard. I liked the image of the service members on the front which I had not seen before and that it was mailed by a soldier using free mail and it has a War Bond cancellation. Those made me want this postcard. The message is interesting. I interpret it to mean that Lincoln did not know where he was going to be sent or it was classified and he could not mention it. I was able to find out the Washington State Progress Commission was established in 1937 and its mission was to provide information and promote the state of Washington. It was the forerunner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The Commission was abolished in 1945. The postcard was provided as a service to the service members but promoted their message.

It was printed by the N P (North Pacific) Bank Note Company, Tacoma. I have been able to find out much about this company. The postcard does not have a catalog number on it but a search on line revealed 10 different images on the postcards and there are probably more. Just what I needed, another series to collect...NOT!

I failed to resist the urge and bought four more Washington postcards. They are unused and feature the Grand Coulee Dam, Rosario Beach, Dry Falls and a guy fishing for salmon. The first 2 have the 3 military members on the lower left of the face and the last one does not. They all state they are for "the convenience of men in the armed services."

Editorial

It has been a dreadfully long time since we had a Gram. Of course the fault lies at HQ and there is no excuse. I have lots of stories that I could tell of things that have happened in the past few months, but I will spare you. The worst was that somehow I did not get the news that 2019 would not have a January or February. We seem to have gone directly from December 2018 to March 2019. Amazing.

We have to make up for this situation by intensifying our efforts to make Fest XX the biggest and best ever. Several "retired" (actually AWOL) Festers have promised to return and some new Festers are planning to attend.

If you have not called Kim, you should call her for reservations now. Of course you should also submit your briefing to the Fellers and prepare some items for the bid board and for the Smulczewski Fest Charity Auction.

In spite of the long delay between Grams, Fest preparations have been on going. We are behind to be sure, but they are nevertheless advancing. We will update you more next week with Gram 2375! (Yes, I can hear all of you roaring!)

If you live in the Ohio/Kentucky area, I will give a presentation at the Cincinnati Coin Club meeting on Friday the 8th. I will be happy to see any of you who might want to visit the club that night. I am sure that the club is happy to have visitors! See the calendar for more information.

Letters to the editor

We invite letters on a wide variety of subjects relating to military numismatics. We reserve the right to edit letters to correct obvious errors or to meet Gram editorial standards.

Dear Gram,

I rented the movie "In Harm's Way" from Redbox. This is the 2018 movie, not the classic 1965 movie. The movie is about a B-25B Mitchell bomber pilot on the Doolittle Raid who was forced to bail out over China. He is found by a Chinese widow (husband died in Nanking fighting the Japanese) and her young daughter who hide him from the Japanese and treat his wounds. It details his ordeal and his eventual escape to Chungking and freedom. The movie is in English, Chinese and Japanese with English subtitles for the Chinese and Japanese parts. I do not want to give away any other parts of the movie. It was not action packed but I found it very interesting. I have not seen a movie that detailed this aspect of the Doolittle raid. I think anyone with an interest in WWII history would enjoy it, as even my wife did. It is not for those looking for a lot of action, explosions, superheroes and machines that transform into other things. To me it was a well done movie about an interesting story and I think most festers would like it.

Myers

Dear Myers,

Thank you for the review. I liked it (the review) and because of it, I want to see the movie. I may have to get Dave Schwan or some other young person to help me find it. Of course you forgot to include the numismatic part of the review as a required part of the review. Soooo, I will assume that you could not find anything in the movie to qualify as numismatics. This requires creativity! What kind of numismatic things might we find re the movie or (more likely) the mission itself?

Many medals and (NCLT) coins have been issued on the Doolittle Raid theme. Certainly short snorters exist relative to the mission. I am not sure if I have ever seen one (but I sure would like to OWN one!!!)

Do you remember the West of Tokio Missionary Society? I made a presentation on it just a few years ago at the Fest. The society made membership cards from captured homeland Japan notes. Serial number 1 card was issued in an honorary fashion to Colonel (later general) Doolittle. That card was illustrated in the 1944 *Life* magazine that detailed the exploits of the society. I stole a copy of that image from the magazine. (Ok, stole is a bit harsh, but borrowed it weak too.)

One other little numismatic story that I can think of re Doolittle is about his personal medals. His group is on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. It is a spectacular display done in a slightly understated way. Of course his Medal of Honor is there. They are always impressive, but another item captured my imagination. Most observers would consider his World War I Victory Medal to be rather mundane. Millions were created and issued, but there is something special about Doolittle's medal. It is well-worn from being polished by Doolittle's own hands! That just strikes me at a very personal level.

There is one more thing about the medal group. I studied the group. There was something about it that struck me as a mistake. I cannot now remember what it was, but it is not absolutely necessary to the point. With this forgotten question in mind, I went to the book store. There I found two Doolittle biographies. Not only did I not find a satisfactory answer, but I found conflicting information in the two books!

In a case like this when I am considering military decorations, I always think about the certificates that were issued with the medals. These certificates are much more rare than the medals and in most cases more interesting. At the same time, they are displayed much less frequently than are the medals (which themselves are displayed too infrequently).

Resolving these discrepancies and issues remains on my to-do list (it is turning into a bucket list.

Editor

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March 8 Cincinnati Coin Club speaker Fred Schwan on World War I trench art coins. contact Dave Heinrich dheinrich@fuse.net, 516 673 5083.
Meeting at Coins+, 225 E. 6th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
513 621 1996

March 14-16 PCDA Hilton Rosemont/O'Hare, 5550 North River Road, Rosemont IL 60018

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Selling most of my WWII collection. Pay by check or Paypal. Postage: USA, \$2.00; International, \$3.50. The items will be mailed via regular postage, at buyers risk, to keep postage cost low. I'm not a big fan of insurance, and not concerned when selling to "gramsters". However, if you are concerned about the USPS and international service, please add sufficient funds for insurance (or registration for international) and advise how you want them shipped. Scans of items are available. Will consider offers if not sold in week. Ron Waddell Email: ronw1935@msn.com.

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NEI Jim Discovery



by Bill Myers

I recently looked through a large container of World War II notes. Most were common and there were probably 400-500 JIM notes. I managed to find 8 notes I needed. Of course I have a list of the JIM notes I already own. My list is based on pages 634 to 637 in World War II Remembered which lists the known blocks. While searching, I ran into an issue. I had found a Netherlands East India 1 cent block S/EB. On page 635 there is a blank spot where this note should be. I wondered if I had really made a discovery or I lacked the knowledge that this note was found long ago. I contacted Neil Shafer, Harold Kroll, Randy Poe and Greg Hale and they have not seen the note. It could very well exist out there in other collections or dealers stock. The good news is that it appears a new note has been discovered, the bad news is JIM collectors have another note to look for. The note has some folds and stains and looks like it was in circulation, so I would assume others were released at the same time.

Fest 20 Auction

By Dave Frank, auctioneer

We are 7 weeks before MPC Fest XX and it is time to begin consigning lots to the auction to be held at the Fest on Sunday May 5th. The success of the auction depends on consignments and I am looking for them now. Basically you may submit as many lots that you want, there is no seller's fee. Lots can be submitted for sale or as a donation to the Fest scholarship fund. Remember that the money raised from donated lots fund the scholarships to send interested collectors to the Military Numismatics basic and advanced courses at the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. The Military Numismatics courses will not be offered this year, but it's important to raise funds to send as many interested people as we can so that it will be offered next year. Since I am flying to the Fest and will have limited room to carry items I would appreciate it if you would send me a description of the lot with the minimum bid and designate whether it is to be a donated lot or one you wish to sell. Then please bring the lot with you to the Fest and I will collect them on Thursday or Friday of the Fest. If you are not coming to the Fest, but wish to submit lots, please contact me and I will provide further instructions. I really need the lot information sent to me no later than one week prior to the Fest so that I can produce a catalog that will appear in the Gram and can be included in the packet for distribution at the Fest. My contact email and cell is dave@frankcomputers.com and 314-602-4228.

Thanks and let's have another great auction.

Editorial

This afternoon I attended a small, annual coin show in Fostoria, Ohio. It was great fun. Besides the possibility of finding treasure (I did), the main reason for the trip was to recruit collectors and dealers to attend the Fest bourse. I believe that I was very successful in that regard. I also found some recruits who might be interested in the greater Fest in the future. Finally, I was able to chat with a few people from Port Clinton and Oak Harbor (about 12 miles from PC). We are starting a monthly numismatic coffee meeting! Two of the things that I am good at are chatting numismatics and drinking coffee! Indeed, those may be the only things that I am good at! I will let you know how it goes.

On the treasure front, I found a basically common WWII trench art bracelet made from British coins. While it is of a common type, all trench art is unique and I can always find things of interest. In this case there were a few things that pleased me. The catch and links between the coins are very nicely done. Nice enough that I might try to teach myself to twist such links! The other thing was the selection of coins. The main coin is 1942 George VI shilling. Flanking the shilling are three (on each side) six pence pieces. These six include two George V and four George VI coins. The arrangement seems to be quite deliberate to me.

Finally, the bracelet was really cheap. I am far too accustomed to having to turn such things down because the seller out of ignorance and hope has put an exaggerated value on the thing. I was happy to bring it home.

Letters to the editor

Dear Gram,
I must apologize for my omission in my report of the movie "In Harm's Way". I had planned to put it in but had a brain fart. The Chinese widow raised silk worms to make money. She sold the silk for cash and was trying to save enough to escape with her daughter. I could not see the notes clearly

but I believe they were Nationalist Chinese yuan. She had been collecting saving money before the Japanese arrived in the town so I doubt they were puppet notes but they could have been.

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The design for the MPCFest 20 challenge coin has been released. Since Fest II in 2001, a distinctive commemorative/challenge coin has been issued for each MPCFest. In the past, the design was not released until the Fest, but because of the special excitement surrounding Fes XX, the Boss decided to release the design now.

Festers and others familiar with the Fest challenge coin series will recognize the very different style of this year's challenge coin.

As usual the medal will be awarded in bronze to all Festers and a .999 fine silver version will be awarded to all participants in the national championship contest. For the first time, a gold version is being created! This special version will be awarded to all Festers and potential Festers who call Camp Leo May (aka Holiday Inn Express 419 732 7322) to make or confirm their reservations. Festers must ask for Fester Kim and call between 1300hrs (Eastern) and 1500. Quantities are limited.

THE 7TH COLUMN



DON'T WASTE MONEY ON THE 7th COLUMN

A rickety stepladder, a fall . . . and another \$500 is sacrificed to rare lessons, America's 7th Column. Each day accidents cost this country \$14,000,000.

Because we are careless, we must spend millions for medical and hospital care; we wreck our cars and trucks in needless smashups; we destroy priceless materials and machinery, burn up irreplaceable factories and homes, we pay insurance premiums which could be cut down, if Americans would exercise greater care.

But we suffer an even more tragic loss that can never be paid in dollars . . . loss of critically needed manpower . . . loss in war production. Most of all we suffer loss in lives and limbs.

Most accidents are caused by the 7th Column. The 7th Column of Carelessness has done far more to delay victory than all the spies and saboteurs of the money 5th Column.

It has caused far more delay and loss than the 6th Column of rascals and rogues. Don't give your money to the 7th Column.

...LEND IT FOR VICTORY

We ask every American to respond to the Fifth War Loan with these two resolutions:

"We will 'do more than before,' buying so many bonds and buying them so eagerly that we will raise those extra billion dollars faster than the Treasury can count them.

We will smash the 7th Column of Carelessness . . . by living, working and driving safely, so that thousands of wasted lives and billions of wasted dollars may be saved for a country which needs them both as it has never needed them before.

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INSURANCE COMPANY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Your friend . . . on the home . . . on the highway . . . when we work

★ By "Smashing the 7th COLUMN" you help speed victory . . . you avoid fear and pain and sorrow and loss . . . you help reduce the cost of automobile, liability, accident and fire insurance . . . you gain security for yourself and your family. ★

by Bill Myers

I recently acquired the July 1944 issue of *Click* magazine. I bought it because of the War Bonds on the cover. I opened the magazine and the first thing I see is an ad from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. There is a picture of a man falling off a ladder while trying to hang curtains for his wife. Under the picture is "DON'T WASTE MONEY ON THE 7TH COLUMN".

That caught my attention as I had not heard of the 7th column. I was aware of the 5th column which refers to a group of people who undermine a larger group from within. It can be clandestine (spying and sabotage) or overt attacks. It originated in 1936 during the Spanish Civil War. Nationalist General Emilio Mola told a journalist his 4 columns of troops would attack Madrid and a 5th column inside the city would openly attack the Republican Government to support him.

Now, getting back to the 7th column, it refers to accidents that cause injuries, damage equipment and decrease production which damages the war effort. They were costing the US \$14 million a day in 1944. It was delaying victory more than the 5th column. Living, working and driving safely was promoted to decrease the losses. The ad also promoted supporting the Fifth War Loan by buying more bonds. The money saved by decreasing the 7th column expenditures could be used to buy war bonds. This is the numismatic connection.

Liberty Mutual was very patriotic by paying for an ad promoting the Fifth War Loan but if there are fewer injuries the insurance company will pay out less in benefits so it is a win win situation.

I assume some of the festers are asking "is there a 6th column?" There is and like the 5th column it is also a group of people inside the larger group but the 6th column does

not work against the larger group but supports the larger group. The 6th column works to moderate the actions of the leaders of the larger group to govern as they feel they should.

Editorial

This weekend was the National Money Show in Pittsburgh. I had wanted and planned on attending, but Fest preparations just did not allow it. I hope that some goodies were found, but I am sure that some good fellowship was had. I also hope that we will receive some reports of same.

General Fest to do list

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Emergency Announcement See Below

Festers' POW Book Out--at Fest

It is an often forgotten piece of World War II history to the general public that between 1942 and 1946, 425,000 German, Italian, and even some Japanese prisoners of war were held at 700 POW camps in 46 U.S. states. All except the Japanese got here on troop transport ships that would have otherwise returned from Europe empty.

This book is a comprehensive look at one of the overlooked, yet more intriguing aspects of the camps' operations -- the money, or "chits" that the POWs used for discretionary expenses in their camps, such as for cigarettes, candy, paper and postage, 3.2% beer, or other items.

Why did prisoners of war have or even need money? Enlisted POWs, the book explains, were allowed to work on non-military tasks such as farming, construction, and manufacturing. For this, they were paid on a scale based on the U.S. equivalent of their military rank. A private in 1941, as an example, got 80 cents a day and an additional gratuitous 10 cents per day for necessities. Officers got paid if they worked or not. If they chose to, they got paid extra. Many POWs returned home wealthier than the families they left behind when they went off to war. Some of the pay could be used to purchase canteen coupons in the form of booklets with face values of from 20 cents to \$20 that could be used in the camp.

Rather than employing a unified payments system, the camps issued their own ticket-like chits in booklets prepared under contract by private printers. This is the most comprehensive work ever compiled on this interesting, but overlooked, subject.

The book contains brief histories for most of the camps, and even some anecdotes. Chits and the booklets they came in are illustrated in color. Prices are given in used and new conditions with a new numbering system devised by the authors. Historical maps, documents, and photographs are interspersed throughout.

This wonderful new book is by well-known Festers Davids Seelye and Frank. Over 900 color photos. Books will be available for purchase and autographing at MPCFest XX. Ordering information can be found below in the Exchange section.

You Are Never too Young to Buy a War Bond



by Bill Myers

I recently obtained the July 1944 copy of *Children's Playmate Magazine*. The reason I was interested is the cover has an adult female, a young boy and a young girl who has a sign hanging from her neck that states "BUY WAR BONDS FOR UNCLE SAM".

On page 36 there is a section entitled "Playmate Patrol, For Defense". On the three pages are drawings of a tank, a female in uniform, a Flying Fortress, a jeep and a US fighter. In the text written by the children they note how they are supporting the war effort by saving scrap, tin cans, grease, paper and nylon hose.

Other than what is on the cover, there is another way this meets the gram "criteria" by having a WWII numismatic connection. In the section I discussed above, a 13 year old buys defense stamps, a 9 year old buys defense stamps and has a \$25 bond, an 11 year buys defense stamps every other week and has several bonds, another 11 year old has a \$100 bond and almost enough stamps for a \$25 bond, a 10 year old has 2 bonds and

donated 50 cents to the Red Cross and the National War Fund, a 10 year old has bought \$11.75 in war stamps, a 12 year old has 2 war bonds and is a member of the First Fighter Command Ground Observer™s Corps and the last child has 6 bonds and makes cookies for the servicemen™s center.

As well as I can remember, at the ages of these kids I was probably making less than 50 cents a week allowance for doing my chores and would get 50 cents for mowing the lawn. It would have taken me a long time to buy a bond. I am sure the children had some adult help with getting the funds to buy bonds but they decided to buy defense stamps and bonds rather than candy and toys.

The contributors to this section of the magazine would obtain rank for their submissions (private, corporal, and sergeant), buying defense stamps (2nd lieutenant) and buying bond (1st lieutenant). A higher rank could be obtained for outstanding contributions for the war effort.

Emergency Announcement Fest X Challenge Coins Available

Festers at MPCFest XIX (2017) were surprised to find that the edge lettering on the challenge coins had XVIII instead of XIX. The XVIII had appeared the year before quite correctly. At Fest XIX the error challenge coins were withdrawn. For Fest XX corrected 2018 challenge coins are being produced. Bronze challenge coins with the corrected (XIX) date on the edge will be available for Festers who were at Fest XIX.

Corrected silver XIX challenge coins are also being produced to order so to speak. Festers who were at Fest XIX can trade in their error medal for a corrected one. I you cannot find your silver error for exchange you can purchase one. The catch is that we have only ordered 10 new silver Fest XIX pieces. The first ten Festers to email the Boss (via the editor) will get these 10. If more are needed, and if the requests get here in time to increase the order, it will be increased. The price of the corrected medal (in FRNs) will not be over, but approximately \$30.

Editorial

Uniformly, Gram readers wanted to know if the design in the 1 April Gram was the design that is being used and will there actually be a gold challenge coin. The answer is maybe. Maybe it will be the design used and maybe we will have a gold version.

I know the answer on the first issue, but I do not on the second. We will certainly use the design. We have used it in the Gram and we will use it in print. If it will be struck I will leave unanswered until the Fest starts. We have never released the challenge coin design before the Fest and I do not want to break all of the traditions.

The matter of the gold challenge coin turned out to be more complicated than I had expected. Much more. When we came up with the idea last year, I announced the idea and received seven reservations!

I consulted with the folks at the Great Lakes Mint about the idea that possibly I should buy the blanks then or perhaps half of the blanks thus hedging the price. The representative said that sure, that was a reasonable idea. Actually she said "OK" and gave me the phone number of the place where they buy the blanks. Well, here nearly a year latter, I am no nearer obtaining the blanks. I had no idea that things could be so difficult and no idea why.

As soon as I send out this Gram, I am calling an alternative place on a long shot. The point is that if I can make it happen, I will try to give everyone a chance to get a gold challenge coin, but the time might be short when the notice appears in the Gram. Might be short? Heck, obviously time WILL be short if I can make it happen at all.

I suppose if I fail on this project, we can try to learn from it and try again for Fest 25.

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Dear Gram,

I have been in contact with Heineken. The owners of the Dos Equis beer brand. I asked if they were interested in working the MPCFest XX into the advertising. They just told me today that they will be sending Jonathan Goldsmith, "The Most Interesting Man in the World," to the Fest as a participant and a 3-man media crew to film the event. I think this is great news!! Maybe he could be the MPCFest Keynote Speaker. They will be contacting Kim directly for room reservation.

Great News on the Gold MPCFest Challenge Coin. I have been promoting the Fest at Georgia Numismatic events. The announcement of the gold challenge coins tipped the scale! We now have 36 people signed up so we can charter a bus for transportation to Port Clinton. We will be calling Kim soon with names and number of night. See you soon.

John Phipps

Dear Gram,

The design for the Fest XX challenge coin is great.

Cuneyd,

Dear Gram,

I thought that the design for the challenge coin was great, but then realized that that cannot be the design because it is way too early for Fred to have started on the design.

At first I thought that the free gold challenge coin give away was very generous, then I realized that the traditional size of our challenge coin would only be about half an ounce. No big deal so I did not bother.

withheld

Dear Editor,

My first thought after reading the last gram describing the gold Fest coin was whether the coin be actually made from 24 karat gold, or would it be a bronze or copper specimen with gold plating. Also noted was the obverse design of the 2019 coin is a radical departure from the designs of challenge coin issued for the past 19 years!

I did call Fred and told him it was a nice try given some of the attempts of past Aprils. The question that is still unresolved, will the design of the 20th anniversary Fest coin be as indicated? I think, since it is Fest XX, that a new design might be in order.

Roger Urce

Dear Gram,

Mission complete!

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x propose a staff briefing to the Fellers (rayfeller@gmail.com) Done last year

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Dear Gram,

Gold Fest coin? Really. Great Gram!

David Seelye

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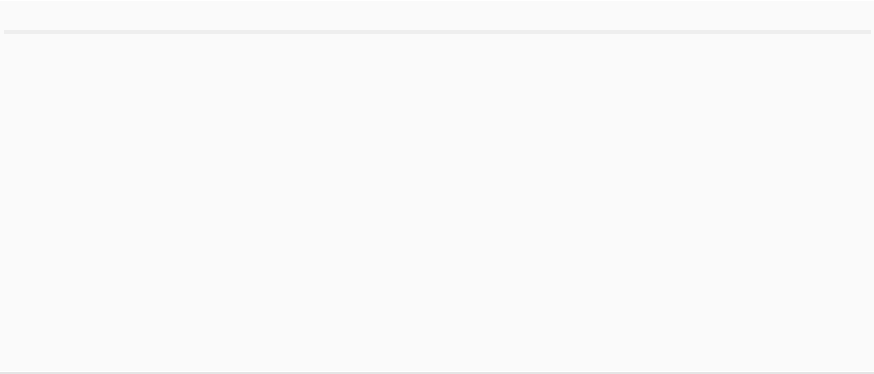
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Festers Celebrate 50



Festers Nancy and John Wilson are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year. The actual anniversary date is April 27th. The Wilsons are also celebrating more than 50 years collecting. The medal was sculptured / engraved by Tom D. Rogers, Sr., who was a sculptor-engraver for the U. S. Mint for 10 years. He also designed the 1991 Centennial medal for ANA when he worked for Medalcraft Mint in Green Bay, WI. His web page is www.tdrogers.com We think he did other medals for the ANA over the years.

Festers Wilson are donating a set of the medals (including the fine silver mintage 50) to the Fest charity auction.

Minute Maids of 1942



by Bill Myers

I recently purchased the November 1942 issue of *American Girl*, published by the Girl Scouts. The cover has a girl scout holding a book for 10 cents Defense Savings Stamps and has a 10 cents Defense Savings Stamp in her left hand getting ready to put into the book.

On page 49 there is an article by Harriet Elliott (Director, Women's Division War Savings Staff) entitled "A Challenge to the Minute Maids of 1942." The Secretary of the Treasury recognized the Girl Scouts as the Minute Maids of 1942 for their patriotism, cooperation and energy. She notes the Girl Scouts established a "Victory Fund." They requested each Girl Scout send at least one War Stamp to the National Headquarters. The aim of the fund was to help the country to victory and help children in other countries.

Elliott also requested Girl Scouts produce the "Volunteers for Victory" pageant that shows how the generosity of women has strengthened freedom and democracy. An example was how Queen Isabella gave her pearls to Columbus so he could discover the New World.

Elliott also requested the Girl Scouts give up little luxuries to keep the greatest luxury - a free America, by buying one 10 cents War Stamp a month which would raise \$840,000 in a year if everyone participated. That could buy 17 pursuit planes or 2,270 hospital beds. She then comments on how four times as much could be bought if every girl bought a 10 cents stamp every week.

The war was almost a year old when the magazine was published and the Girl Scouts were significantly involved in supporting the war effort.

Valkenburg Finds



Festers Frank, Seelye and Urce have arrived in Valkenburg and are hunting for treasures. Via the magic of cell phone technology David (S) has reported this great find to the Gram. As you can tell, this is a second printing Series 521 \$5 certificate. These are scarce and missing from many collections. It has a small tear and some graffiti, but will still reside proudly in a collection.

Editorial

I was excited to receive the report from the Netherlands re the discovery of a nice second printing MPC 521 \$5. All such finds are great of course, but this one is particularly great because we were able to receive it so quickly via the either and get it to you before the return flight lands! (I think and hope).

Of course the image is a bit out off square. I thought that I might work on that before making the report, but I have fallen into that trap before and procrastinated for weeks and blown the chance for a timely report so we are pleased to include it as is and to thank the reporters for sending it.

They also sent some images from the plane enroute, but they sent those images to my phone instead of my email and I have not yet figured out how to get them into the Gram. I will continue to try.

I sent my training proposals to the training officers (ray.feller@gmail.com). I am quite excited about the good stuff that I have, but there is a catch. If you do not have a training item, the chances are that you will have to listen to ME much more. We want to hear from YOU too!

Your program can be as easy as a show and tell of a nice item that you have found. If you are too technologically challenged to send images, there are ways to work around that. Contact Ray (ray.feller@gmail.com). Do NOT contact Steve for help with the technology!

Did I mention the email? Ray.Feller@gmail.com.

The draft training schedule will appear in the next Gram.

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Dear Gram,

There are only a few weeks until the Fest. I am excited. I always get excited for the Fest but this being the twentieth Fest seems to make it even more so. I talked to Kim at the hotel and Fred too. They both said that it was still possible to register for the Fest, but that it is getting very, very close to a true deadline. You should not miss this opportunity. Call Kim at 419 732 7322.

Harold MPCKid

Dear Festers,

Time is getting very short to get your training item into the Fest schedule. Fred promised to put my email in the next Gram, but as good as his intentions are, I was not confident that he would get it done BEFORE the Fest, so I am including it now. Send your training proposal/listings to me at ray.feller@gmail.com. Remember, if the numismatic content will not be obvious to me, include that too.

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Ray (ray.feller@gmail.com)

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Fest Auction

Dave Frank

The Fest is only 2 weeks away and this is your last chance to submit auction lots. We have some good and interesting material. I can get another 50-75 lots in. They can be either for sale or donation. If you have any lots to submit, please send a list by April 27th to dave@frankcomputers.com that way they will be listed in the auction catalog. Then bring the lots to the Fest and I will collect them on Thursday or Friday. If you are not coming to the Fest contact me and I will have you send them to me or the Holiday Inn Express. Thanks for all your support of the Fest auction.

Free Drinks in Washington?



Congressman Bob Latta (R Ohio 5th) accepts a Fest challenge coin from the battalion clerk. The congressman understands the obligation to produce the coin at all times. Reports of drinks received or owed are needed. Notice the draft Fest XX schedule in Schwan's pocket.

Editorial



Holiday Inn Express Catawba/Port Clinton (aka Camp Leo May) is a popular stopping point for Festers. I am not talking about during the Fest. I am talking about in general. Recently AWOL Fester George Cujah stopped at Camp May last week for a visit. He had driven from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania to pick up an ebay purchase! It was not even a numismatic item. Well, as you know, I can stretch most anything to be a numismatic item, but this would be tough. It was a railroad item. One of the things that I like about George is that he collects so many things.

One of my favorite stories about George is from his first Fest. He reported the following story to the assembled throng at that Fest. When he was driving from Wisconsin, it contemplated what he was doing. He was going to spend the weekend at something called MPCFest. He figured that it more rightly should be called the "Get a life club." At the end of the Fest he reflected on his earlier thoughts and thought that the Fest would need to get a bigger hotel!

Well we are still working on the same (great) hotel. I still have a dream of filling it up one day, but I must admit that that will be difficult, but we continue to try.

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Dear Gram,

I am very sad to report that I cannot be at the Fest this year.

My Judy was recently found to have a renal cell carcinoma in her right kidney. She will have the kidney removed on April 29, and be in the hospital 2 to 4 days. The cancer is still encapsulated in the middle of her kidney, and a PET scan shows no cancer anywhere else. A total full recovery is expected. My place is with her, not at Fest.

David Seelye

Dear David,

There are not many good reasons to miss a Fest, but this is one of them. I believe that I can speak for the greater community when I tell you that both you and Judy will be in our thoughts and prayers not only during the Fest but in the remaining days leading up to it and after until the all clear sounded. I will volunteer to purchase great items at the Fest in your absence!

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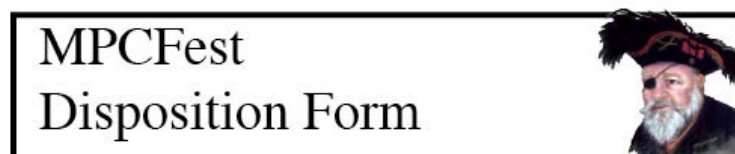


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Fest XX Training Schedule

Draft one of the Fest XX training schedule is hereby released. All interested parties should review the schedule. Corrections and suggested revisions should be sent to the battalion clerk (fredschwan@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.



Fest XX Training Schedule

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ALL PERSONNEL

Date/time	Activity	Personnel	Trainer
Tuesday 30 April			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn featuring Spam hash	all personnel	Kim
0930-1700	work detail arrives	present personnel	The Boss
Wednesday 1 May			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0930-1700	Fest preparations	work detail	Harold, Flash Gordon
1700-1900	fish fry	Jolly Roger	The Boss
Thursday 2 May			
0800-1900	hotel registration	individuals	Kim
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0930-1830	bourse preparations	select personnel	Harold
1700-2100	chow/Erie Social Club	all interested	individuals
2100-	bull session/swap meet	all available	NA
Friday 3 May			
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim	all personnel	1SGs
0800-1900	hotel registration	individuals as required	Kim
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0930-	military stamp collectors	interested personnel	Roger
0830-1000	bourse set up	work detail and dealers	David
1000-	bourse open to the public	all personnel	John
1000-1600	bourse, auction lot viewing	all interested	Dave Frank
1400-1500	bond collectors' meeting	interested personnel in mess hall	Drew
1500-1600	JIM & Philippine collectors forum	interested personnel in bourse	Shafer
1700-1730	new fester training	new Festers	1SG Myers & 1SGs
1730-1800	company meetings	all personnel	1SGs
1805-1930	dining in, Fester anniversary party	all personnel	Fred as Mr. Vice
1930-2045	opening ceremony	all personnel	Fred
2045-2130	staff briefings	all personnel	Fellers
2130-2245	March Madness prelims	all personnel	Downey
2245-2330	pay call, individual pictures	all personnel, by company	class A agent
2330-2400	bull session	by company	1SGs
2400	lights out	by company	1SGs

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Saturday 4 May			
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim	all personnel	1SG
0700-0800	chow	all personnel	Kim
0730-0800	sick call	sick and lame	Tolek, Myers, Frank
0800-0810	company pics (color Ts required)	mess hall	1SGs & Gordon
0811-0830	battalion picture	mess hall	The Boss & Gordon
0830-0900	autograph party	all personnel	bn clerk
0900-1200	staff briefings	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1200-1300	chow	all personnel	Kim
1300-1340	key note presentation	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1345-1500	staff briefings	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1500-1515	break!!!!	all personnel	1SGs
1515-1523	sing along	all personnel	Kathy
1523-1800	staff briefings	all personnel	Fellers, Joe, Buckley
1800-1900	dining out, Fest birthday party	all personnel	Fred as Mr. Vice
1900-2100	March Madness finals	all personnel	Downey
2100-2115	break	all personnel	The Boss
2112-2110	call to convention	all personnel	battalion clerk
2110-2230	awards, Fest XX lottery	all personnel	Steve S.
2230-2400	military poker game reenactment	all players	Brad
2200-2300	auction lot viewing (concurrent)	all personnel	auction staff
2300-2400	snack time (left overs)	interested personnel	mess sgt
2400	canteen & casino close	all personnel	mess sgt
2400	lights out	by company	1SGs
Sunday 5 May			
0100	lights out, bed check	all personnel	1SGs
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting)	all personnel	1SGs
0600-0800	chow	all personnel	Kim
0700-0745	sick call	sick and lame	medics
0700-0730	destruction of obsolete MFC	select personnel	Fred
0730-0800	auction lot viewing	optional	Dave Frank, auctioneer
0800-1200	Smulczynski scholarship auction	all personnel	Dave Frank, auctioneer
1200-1230	police call and early departures	select personnel	Harold
1200-1245	Fest cook out on patio	all personnel	mess sgts
1245-1330	break camp	available personnel	Harold
1330-1630	Johnson Island POW and suttler	all available personnel	1SG Myers
1900-2000	chow	TBA	Judy
2000-ca2200	special staff briefing	Camp Leo May	John P., Fred, Joe
2401	bed check	all personnel	Judy
Monday 6 May			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn featuring Spam and eggs	all remaining personnel	Kim
1830	local poker game (FRNs required)	select personnel	Fred
Tuesday 7 May			
0700-0730	breakfast Holiday Inn	all remaining personnel	Kim

Coordinating instructions:

Problems etc contact the battalion clerk at 419 349 1872 (Schwan cell phone) alternate cell (419) 202 0106 (Boss' cell), fredschiwan@yahoo.com; or (419) 732 7322 (Holiday Inn) kim@rutahotels.com

Auction items coordinate: Dave Frank • dave@frankcomputers.com

Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem tournament with \$25MFC buy in. >\$10,000 MFC prizes
Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 (419) 732 7322

Editorial

We are pleased to present the Fest XX training schedule above. As the lead says, send any corrections, revisions or changes in ASAP. Criticism and sarcasm should be held for the chaplain. I am pleased to try a new method of sending this schedule. In the past, we have copied the text and pasted it into the Gram. The obvious problem was that the tabs got whacked. Most years we just lived with it because time was so darn short and we were happy to have the schedule ready for printing if not for emailing. Well, I have been thinking about this for more than a year. Possibly several years and I came up with an idea. The idea was made possible by the change in the Gram that allowed the use of images.

My idea was to output the training schedule as a PDF and place that in the Gram. Great idea, but it did not work. Drove me a bit crazy. Finally, I got another idea and out put the pages as JPEG files for dropping into the Gram. It worked great. PDFs for whatever reason cannot be placed in the system that we are now using. At least they cannot by this operator.

So I hope that you like what we have. Likely it will be a little hard to read but easier than the text with crazy tabs.

Duty assignments and the draft auction list should be in the next Gram (probably Saturday). In general company and duty assignments have not changed for veteran Festers.

For Fest XX the yearbook is being discontinued with many of the features that were included there moved into the Fest program. This will allow more Festers to enjoy the pictures and other features. In working on this new combined publication, I was distressed to notice how many veteran Festers were out of uniform for the pictures! It is not that hard to have a red, blue, green, yellow, orange or black shirt. Please bring a shirt for the picture.

Re the shirt above, I was thinking that we could (and probably) levy a fine in MFC for Festers who are out of uniform, but I got a better idea. Instead of fining the Fester, we should fine the respective first sergeant!

Letters to the editor

We invite letters on a wide variety of subjects relating to military numismatics. We reserve the right to edit letters to correct obvious errors or to meet Gram editorial standards.

Dear Gram,

It is hard to believe that Fest XX is nearly here. I will be leaving in just a few days and will see many of you next week. For those who cannot make it this year, I hope that you will plan on attending for can you believe it Fest XXI!

MPCKid aka Harold

Dear Gram,

I was very concerned to read about Judy Seelye's pending operation. I want to send my best wishes to Judy and David. I am sure that all Gramsters will join me in this way.

Kevin M

Training Schedule (Gram Calendar)

The Gram calendar is different from most numismatic calendars. We strive to list events that are of specific interest to Gramsters. This does not mean that we will not list general coin or paper money shows, but there should be something of special interest to collectors of military numismatic items. We will be happy to list non traditional events if they meet the special interest criteria.

April 24-29 Central States Numismatic Society, Schaumburg, IL, details needed

May 3-5 MPCFest XX. Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Likely optional post Fest field training on May 6 or May 6 and 7.

Coordinating information:

Fest sponsors Joe and Louise Boling, Ray and Steve Feller, Dave Frank, Dave Hunsicker, Al Glaser, Brett Irick, Harold Kroll, Bill Myers, Dave Seelye, Warner Talso, welcome Festers to Camp Leo May. Post Fest field trip is under consideration. If you are interested, please write to the Gram.

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I have the new WWII US POW book by Frank/Seelye at a special price for Gramsters: \$29.99 Domestic Shipping FREE!

I also have several copies of Fred's 4th edition available at \$50 post paid USA only. Davideseelye@gmail.com.

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Marksmanship training

The tradition of marksmanship training at the world famous Camp Perry range will continue at MPCFest XX. This is in spite of information to the contrary in Gram 2379. Marksmanship training will be on Thursday evening and chow will be served at the range. The Boss regrets any inconvenience. See the corrected schedule in the next Gram (expected Sunday 28th).

Auction list released

A highlight of the MPCFest is the scholarship auction. One of the special aspects of the auction is that Festers and collectors around the world can participate. They can obtain items for their collections and they can support the scholarship fund.

The scholarships in question are to attend the military numismatics classes that are held as part of the American Numismatic Association summer seminar. The seminar is held each year in Colorado Springs, Colorado on the campus of Colorado College. The military numismatics classes are held in the even years. This means that money raised this year will be used to fund scholarships in 2020 and that interested students will have plenty of time to plan for a fun and educational summer in 2020.

The first military numismatics class was held in 2001. Since then approximately 40 scholarships have been awarded by the fund.

The fund is administered by Kathy and Dan Freeland. They point out that the fund not only accepts material to be auctioned, but it also can (and does) accept cash and other numismatic materials. Interested personnel should see Kathy or Dan at the Fest or at any of the many numismatic events that they attend each year.

Smulczenski MPCFest Scholarship Auction

The MPCFest Smulczenski Scholarship Auction is a fun multifunction event. It offers collectors a chance to find unique items for their collection. Additionally, collectors and dealers can sell duplicates or unwanted items. Proceeds from the sale of donated items are used to fund scholarships to the military numismatics classes at the American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar held on the campus of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The auction was the idea of Original Fester Larry Smulczenski. Then he served as the auctioneer for more than ten years. The auction (and a few other fund raising activities) have funded 40 scholarships.

You are invited to donate or consign items for the 2018 Smulczenski auction. Festers may sell appropriate items without commission. See Dave Frank.

**Auction Policies****Bidding**

All Winning Bids Subject To 10% Buyers Premium.

- Bidders in attendance must pay for lots at close of auction.
- Payment by cash, check, money orders. Sorry, no direct facilities for credit cards.
- Email/Mail/Phone bidders must pay for lots within 7 days of notification of winning bids. Notification will be made by invoice. Payment by check, cash or money order only. Mail payments to

Dave Frank
P.O. Box 7894
Chesterfield, MO 63006-7894

Sellers

- Consignors will be paid by check not more than 14 days after the auction.
- Unsold lots will be returned immediately following the auction.

Auction staff

Auctioneer emeritus	Larry Smulczenski
Auctioneer	Dave Frank
Auction assistant	Kathy Freeland
Auction assistant	Dad Freeland
Auction runner	Roger Urce

Lot	Description	Min. Bid
1	Group of savings stamp booklets	5 D
2	Group of four tokens from USNAVSUPPACT Da Nang	5 D
3	US Army khaki garrison cap with Finance Corps piping, size 7 1/8	5 D
4	July 1944 Readers Digest and Hobbies magazine with war bond covers	5 D
5	Group of ration checks	5 D
6	Group of Military Banking facilities checks (Ed Hoffman, Talso, Smulczenski)	5 D
7	Laminated Hawaii \$1.00 note with VJ Day Tokyo Bay overprint 10	
8	5c Department of Justice INS Internment Camp token 100	
9	Cigarette case with design of 100 yen AMC	50
10	Beaumont Hospital NCO Open Mess coupon booklet complete	20
11	Set of Series 471 MPC \$.05 to \$10.00. Fine - VF w/ rusted staple holes	500
12	Philippine Guerrilla Tolosa Leyte 15c Official Cash Ticket (Shafer LEY-415)	100
13	7th Fleet Commissioned Officers Sub Mess - Tolosa 10c chit	20
14	Germany Special Army Currency 2 mark replacement Fine	150
15	Chicago OPA Office ration check for 8 pounds of sugar	20
16	Philippine ration coupons for cotton and rayon clothing May 1943-May 1944	75
17	Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates 4th ed Collectors' Edition by Fred Schwan	D
18	World War II. German Occupation of the Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, and North Russia. First Trial catalog 1999. with General additions and corrections Tallinn, 9.11.2000 registered #0039 by Antu Kulo & Juri Rudich	D
19	Katalog des Papiergeldes der Gefangenenlager im 1. Weltkrieg 2nd edition 2007 by Reinhard Tieste	D
20	English Paper Money including Polymer 9th edition by Pam West current edition	D
21	Gigante 2013 Catalogo Nazionale dell Cartamoneta Italiana by Franco Gavello & Claudio Bugani	D
22	Nomunzen Amtlichen Kriegsgefangenenlager der Osterreichchen und Ungarischen Kriegsgefangenenlager der Private Kriegsgefangenenlager (zechen- Gruban-Industriewerks. 1914-1918 2nd edition Max Frenzel WW1 POW coins and tokens	D
23	2011 Chinese paper money. full color images of genuine notes 2 copies	D
24	Malaysia Brunei & Singapore Banknotes & Coins 2008 4th ed by K.N Boon	D
25	Tenth Army LOGEX 59 Fort Lee VA. Vol II. TM for this LOGEX 146 pages. only one I've ever seen in my years of collecting LOGEX	D
26	Norske Pengesedler 1695-2003 Incling Spitsbergen and Bear Island 2004	D
27	Litzmanstadt by Franquinet/Hammer/Schoenawa 2010 in English, Polish, and German	D
28	Silent Witnesses: Civilian Camp Money of World War II. By Feller & Feller	D
29	Soldi D'Italia 1995 tome	D
30	United States National Bank Notes and their seals Prather with Autograph new copy RARE	D
31	Standard catalog of English Travellers checks 4 copies 1st ed Roger Outing	D
32	National Currency 2004 Lidell III and Litt new (2)	D
33	Katalog Banknotow Polskich 2009 ed	D
34	Catalog of Greek Paper Money 1822-2002 Evangelos Fysikas	D
35	Aggressor FM manuals and associated Propaganda notes	D
36	So-Called Dollars 2nd ed	D
37	China catalog 2011	D
38	Kagins 2008 auction catalog of So-Called dollars	D
39	National Bank notes kelly's 6th ed	D
40	Mexican banknotes 2010 ed	D
41	The early paper money of america 5th ed Newman	D
42	2011 book on yugoslavic coins and paper money 1150+ pages	D
43	Lee Gordons collection of Latvian banknotes auction 2017	D
44	14 minor AMC & MPC errors & 2 contemporary counterfeits	140
45	Gr. Britain 50 Pound Bernhard rips and tears	75
46	14 MPC's from Guy Araby collection with interesting UV	150
47	American express advertising with insignia	5

48	7 Ft. Edwards, NY 1-8-1959 10 cents 1609-1959 all known pcs.	50
49	Assure recreation money \$5 only one I've seen	10
50	Austria tuxedo club 50 groschen paper chit	10
51	25 savings bond	10
52	641 5 cents fancy serial J03303033J	5
53	Philippines 1 peso lot 9 pieces	5
54	Lodz Ghetto 3 counterfeit tokens	15
55	2 Marks C.3768a, b Oflag 2-c POW	25
56	German propaganda \$1 soap bubbles note	50
57	Germany 5 mark replacement P.13r	50
58	Yugoslavia partisan	25
59	Set BMA 1/. to 1 pound	50
60	large lot JIM	10
61	4 1944 Warsaw obligation 30zl	100
62	1944 50 Zl contribution RRR	200
63	Italy series 1943 BEP 100 lire AU	25
64	Germany Series 1944 50 Marks P196d PMG 63EPQ	25
65	France Series 1944 pack band 100 francs ex Ed Hoffman	50
66	Buchenwald 50 Pfennig worn and trimmed	5
67	Nazi Propaganda stamps (2) 1/2 penny	20
68	Germany 1st printing 1948 2 marks 3 notes, 1 with Berlin stamp SCARCE	30
69	Netherlands Van Oorlog 5 cents	10
70	Netherlands Van Oorlog 10 cents	15
71	Netherlands Van Oorlog 25 cents	25
72	ACS BOCF 1 unit AU-UNC S/B 916 page 316	10
73	Serbia 1943 10 Dinar made into POW bregenz lager 1944 VIII 31 unique?	100
74	Burma Bond SB-151	5
75	27 Firstrational of Ft. Sheridan 31-10-1919	100
76	200 Lindner 155x100mm holders 881 2 packs	20
77	Isle of Man Internment Camp tokens complete set 1/2 penny 2000 struck	200
78	100 Lindner 883 180x100mm 1 pack	10
79	Philippines Pick 168f sheet of 8!! 5 Piso	10
80	Philippines Pick 169f sheet of 4 10 Piso	10
81	WW2 Propaganda prevent forest fires	10
82	Balboa Park Panama-California 1915 Expo 25, 50, 100, 500 bucks	160
83	Bank Nacional Aggressor 5, 10, 20 Fraimato Legal tender in occupied	100
84	UNRRA ration card Austria 31-12-1948	10
85	Burma 1945 10 Rupees Post Office 5 year cash certificate (India) 10 pieces	100
86	Fanning Island left and right 1/2's	50
87	France June 1940 100 France Saint-Omer	100
88	France June 1940 Ville de Nevers 5 & 10 Francs	50
89	France WW2 POW general issue 5, 10, 50 francs C.2011a, 2012a	50
90	Germany 50 Marks SB 103 Pick 189 Graz issue Rare	75
91	Germany WW2 POW general issue 10 Marks scarce Campbell 3757	10
92	Germany post WW2 Notgeld Duisburg 10 Pfennig	5
93	Japan AMC Series 100 "B" 10 Sen Replacement PMG 64EPQ	50
94	Denmark 1-6-1927 S.O.S Haderslev Set of 4 all Unc.	50
95	Great Britain (Cyprus) 1/2 Unit EF-AU S/B 431 pg 177 much rarer than 1 unit	150
96	8 different AMC France, Germany, Italy, Japan	5
97	A British Green envelope. It was for free surface mail for troops of the British Crown	2
98	A War Bond holder from Security-Peoples Trust Co., Erie, PA a-f 6 available	2
99	Keep 'em Flying, Buy War Bonds, United States Air Force challenge a-b coin 2 available	15
100	25th anniversary of US Savings Bonds First Day Cover, 26 OCT 1966	1
	Honoring Our Servicemen in Vietnam.	

101	1, 2, 3 & 4 pounds of potatoes stamps (RI1-4) with the vignette from the back of series 661 \$20 MPC	2
102	Malaya 1000 dollars replica with United States Army Stamp on face & back. SB2181bq2	5
103	Great Britain 10 shillings (P366/SB103) & 1 pound (P367a/SB104) circ.	1.5
104	FDR play money (L20) and two different FDR medal.	1
105	A pair of Dwight D Eisenhower medals.	1
106	A steel (1943) transportation token for the Pacific Electric Railway Co. in Los Angeles, CA (CA450H) and a Douglas Aircraft Co. Santa Clara CA (CA3835E parking token	1
107	A pair of NAAFI 1/2 franc tokens (SB334) with one in coin alignment and one in medal alignment.	8
108	Three Hawaii transportation tokens. One pre-war (HI 240Ca) and two varieties of the wartime zinc tokens (HI 240Da & HI 240Db).	1
109	VFW Life Member medal and History Channel Club medal	1
110	French telephone token with Marianne on the obverse and dated a-b 1937. Would have been used in World War II. Also a Marine Toys for Tots medal 2 available	1
111	Magic Race paper with "Buy U.S. War Bonds and Savings Stamps" on it	1
112	Metropolitan Opera House ticket for 12 December 1944 and a-b admission was buying a War Bond. 2 available	3
113	Remember Pearl Harbor pocket coin (1942) with a copy of sales ad	1
114	Ticket to the 4th War Loan Bond Premiere of the movie "The Gang's a-f All Here" 6 available	1.5
115	Ten Winterhilfswerk stamps, combination of cancelled and uncanceled. Catalog value \$11.32	3
116	World War II stamps from Germany and Bohemia & Moravia a-c Each set contains 7 envelopes of different stamps. 3 sets available.	3
117	United States Marine Corps coin & stamp set. Contains the uncirculated 2005 Marine Corps 230th anniversary silver dollar with an uncirculated 3 cents Two Jims stamp. Catalog price \$50	45
118	American Memorial Park Northern Marianas Islands America a-e the Beautiful quarter P, D, S set. 5 available	1.5
119	Elongated Cent in a Bottle, Minuteman on Elongated Cent with Text "United States/ Savings Bonds/ Star Spangled/ Security for Americans"	2
120	Federated States of Americas \$25 MFC "Fred Bond" July 31 2008, Series# Q000 000 024E, from WIN Meeting at the ANA Show	5
121	Liberty Memorial Metal, from Kansas City Sesquicentennial celebration in 2000	3
122	"The Merci Train" by Earl R. Bennett, Sr., 99 pages, companion to the Merci Train website	10
123	2014 BEP Intaglio Print, "Defenders of Freedom" "Army"	10
124	"Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Story of a Tuskegee Airman" by Harold H. Brown & Marsha S. Bordner signed by authors	10
125	Two Philippines Victory Notes. Both well circulated but no major tears. The 10 and 20 peso Fine + S/B 2324 & 2325	2D
126	Three U.S. Savings bonds from founding fathers series. The \$50, 100 & 200. All three are crisp unfolded and appear uncashed although two may have had redemption refused.	2D
127	The end pieces from a pack of 1000 British Armed Forces Special Vouchers 5 pence notes. Has original cloth strings and a wax seal. Vertical fold at center	3D
128	Small Russian War Bond- 1945. Pictures of guns, troops and planes. 25 rubles. Discoloration on back from two pieces of tape. Erased writing at the bottom. One strong Horizontal fold. Some dirt Fine+ S/B 162	8D
129	Chit book from NAVY OFFICERS MESS at Nagoya, Japan. Original 5 contents of 30 yen value. Two 1 yen, two 2 yen and two 3 yen chits remain. Most in excellent shape except one 3 yen chit has some pulled perfs	
130	Treasury Department sponsored WWII Christmas Card with War Bond stamp Book included (SWS401). 1942 vintage. Clean and unused	10
131	German Federal Republic. 1948 Bank Deutscher Lander 50 DM. graded by PCGS as 64PPQ. From the Ruth Hill collection S/B 687	250
132	MPC used American Express Company check from Bentwaters AFB, England. No folds or tears	75

133	French Equatorial Africa. 10 Franc Specimen on serial numbered note. Punch cancelled with inverted 114 twice at bottom Nice CU 5/B 1162as	300
134	Philippines 10 Piso, uncut sheet of four. In a commemorative folder for the 10th anniversary of the security printing plant complex in 1988 Pick 169f	25
135	Austria-Russian Occupation, One Reichsmark, P-113b, SB-352 Unc.	
136	Belgium-armee Belge, One Franc, P-M1a, SB-131a Unc.	
137	Belgium-Pipaix 10 Centimes, P-NL, SB-1060 Unc.	
138	Belgium-Pipaix One Franc, P-NL, SB-1063 Unc.	
139	Belgium-Pipaix Two francs, P-NL, SB-1064 Unc.	
140	Belgium-Wingene, 50 francs P-NL, SB-1973 Unc.	
141	Belgium-Gent 20 Francs, P-NL, SB-2061 Unc.	
142	Croatia 100 Kuna, P-2a, SB-702 Fine	
143	Croatia 1000 Kuna, P-12, SB-724 Unc.	
144	Croatia 5000 Kuna, P-13, SB-725 Unc.	
145	Croatia 5000 Kuna, P-14a, SB-721 F/VF	
146	Croatia One Kuna, P-NL, SB-782 Fine	
147	Czechoslovakia One Koruna, P-45a, SB-381 VF	
148	Czechoslovakia One Koruna, P-45c, SB-381s, SPECIMEN	
149	Czechoslovakia 5 Korun, P-46s, SB-382s, SPECIMEN Unc.	
150	Czechoslovakia 20 Korun, P-47a, SB-383a Unc.	
151	Czechoslovakia 100 Korun, P-48s, SB-384s, SPECIMEN AU	
152	Czechoslovakia 500 Korun, P-49s, SB-385s, SPECIMEN AU	
153	Czechoslovakia 5 Korun, P-59, SB-101 Unc.	
154	Czechoslovakia 10 Korun, P-60a, SB-102 Unc.	
155	Czechoslovakia 10 Korun, P-60s, SB-102s, SPECIMEN Unc.	
156	Czechoslovakia 20 Korun, P-61a, SB-103 Unc.	
157	Great Britain NAAFI Token, 1/4 Piastre, SB-347 XF	
158	Great Britain NAAFI Token, 1/2 Franc, SB-333 XF	
159	Great Britain WWII Defense Medal (no ribbon), SB-204, holed XF	
160	Poland Lotz Ghetto 20 Mark, SB-1026q (COUNTERFEIT) XF	
161	Royal Arsenal Co-op, Two Shilling, Token VF	
162	Royal Arsenal Co-op, 3 Shilling, Token Fine	
163	Algeria 50 Centimes, P-97a, SB-1101a VG	D
164	Belgium Five Francs, P-121, SB-102 VF	D
165	Belgium Ten Francs, P-122, SB-103 Unc.	D
166	Curacao One gulden, P-35a, SB-5221a VG/F	D
167	China-CRB 100 yuan, P-J21, G/VG	D
168	China-FRB One yuan, P-J72 (tape Residue) VF	D
169	China-FRB 100 yuan, P-J88A Fine	D
170	China-Jap Military, P-M26 VG	D
171	FT Meade POW 1 cent (2) serial 117900A Back stamp with p/w Lar	40
172	Algonia IOWA POW 1 cent 25126D, 1 cent 25744D, 10 cent 56752C	80
173	Atlanta, Nebraska pow 1 cent C8265, 1 cent C8265	150
174	Raritan Italian Service Branch Exchange 1 cent	20
175	Generic POW Canteen Coupon check Five 1 cent 2185B, Five 2 cent 2193B, Five 25 cent 2186B	30
176	Mirudoka 10 cent movie ticket. Community Activities Hunt Idaho	40
	Internment camp for Japanese. Most of Puget Sound, Wa relocated Japanese were sent there	
177	Seabrook Farms NJ Thirteen Meal Coupons (BLD) Serial 11709 dated June 22, 1946. Also stamped Parvins Park Camp Internment camp for Japanese	100
178	3 pow items	50
	POW camp picture. Camp uncertain Border says Elko which is in Nevada. No POW camps in Nevada, so most likely a camp in Eastern California MV Operator permit stamped Prisoner of War. Camp uncertain Inside says issued to Joachim Guelle February 4, 1946 Camp Exchange Book \$1.00 receipt. Camp uncertain.	



	B15216 Issued to Gerhard Foellmer March 16m, 1945.	
179	Politically incorrect TS card from Sendai, Japan.	25
180	Politically incorrect cabaret card from Fukuoka, Japan. Hand written itinerary on reverse March 11 left Oshkosh, March 29 arrive Korea	25
181	Tickets good at Grand Kyoto. 30 tickets for 60 yen. 12 tickets in booklet	25
182	CCC 3786 Jasper, Arkansas. C050930. 1.00 booklet value complete with 5 cent coupons	40
183	A underprint one yen. A09620962A repeater	80
184	WWI paybook Issued to Russell L. Jester July 23, 1919	50
185	U.S. Air Forces rest camp dtd Jan 4, 1944. Includes 4 tickets. Issued to Capt. P.M. Phillips Rest camp on Capri. Also included is black & white picture of the hotel which is "Capri Headquarters AAF Rest Camps AAFSC/MTO"	40
186	Officers Club Tezpur, India bar coupons. serial 3691. Booklet Rs. 10. All dated 1944. Includes 8 tickets for Re. 1 and 9 tickets for As. 2 Cover may be 10 rupees, tickets may be Annas ?	40
187	Zebra Club 1252 AAF B. U. includes 30 chits for five francs. Unit was stationed near Casablanca, Morocco. B.U. (Base Unit) ferried planes to the front	30
188	WWII chit book for USMA West Point. 5.00 booklet 16908B dtd 194X Include 12 coupons for 1 cent and 13 coupons for 5 cents. Pink coupons for 10 cents missing	40



189	26th Division Staff Officers club chitbook No 180. 8 5 cent coupons in booklet. 1 five cent and 1 10 cent loose. Issued to Capt. Herbert Hartwell March 25, 1943. Famous division that landed at Normandy and in the end liberated Gusen Concentration Camp	50
190	Vietnam era Oahu coupons book. Coupons for establishment wanting business from the GI's on R. and R from Vietnam. Steak and Lobster cost 3.95	25
191	Fort Sheridan, IL prisoner of war 5 cent canteen chit	50
192	Fort Sheridan, IL prisoner of war one cent chit	40
193	Sterling silver Navy sweetheart pin	5
194	Six coin silver 3 pence British bracelet engraved "Marguerite, England 1944"	5
195	August 1918 cloth shell holder	2
196	The History and Postal History of the two U.S.S. Wisconsin's	D
197	Dere Mable "Love Letters of a Rookie" (1918), 27th NY Division book	1
198	"Was man den deutschen Soldaten nicht verheimlichen kann" flyer	2
199	Russia Kerensky Starvation postage stamps	D
200	Hugh 3 inch brass Tuskegee Airmen Act of Congress 2006 medal	10
201	Five philatelic items	D
202	Sweetheart pin	5
203	1st Sgt. Aluminum dog tag	2
204	Loyal Vets of WWII medal and 1941 sterling silver "Remember Pearl Harbor" Medal engraved "U.S.S. Boston 12/25/1943	5
205	Eight coin British silver 3 pence bracelet	8
206	At Ease by Eisenhower and "The Siege of London" books	D
207	Two aluminum WWII plates made by the West Bend Aluminum Co.	D
208	Section of 75 mm Field Gun Model 1916, Mfg. by Wisconsin Gun Co.. Milwaukee marked "At the time of the 2nd Defeat of the Germans at the Marne 1918"	10
209	25th Ann. of "D-Day" bronze medal	D
210	"I am an American 1941" and U.S.S. Olympia medals	4
211	OPA Gasoline purchase items	D

212	32 Red Arrow Division Veteran WWI medal 6/6/1919	3
213	1918 National Guard Camp McClellan, Awmiston, Ala Souv. Folder and U.S. Coast Guard I.D. card	D
214	Short Snorter Americans 389th Bombgroup from Steeple Morder England	10



215	Short Snorter on BMA 10 Shillings HMS Moonstone	10
216	Short Snorter on Bank of England 1 pound	10
217	Fest XIX shirt Size L	D
218	US War Savings Bond, Series E \$100 small size, dated November 1944 in VF condition with writing	50
219	USSR WW2 War Loan 1945, 25 ruble in crisp condition, with 1 fold and 1 line writing	10
220	USSR WW2 War Loan 1945, 50 ruble with 2 folds and minor tearing at fold line	10
221	USSR WW2 War Loan 1945, 100 ruble in crisp condition with 1 fold	20
222	USSR WW2 War Loan 1945, 200 ruble in crisp condition with 1 fold and minor tear at fold line	30
223	Burma JIM, 10 cents BA, half rupee BD, 1 rupee BD, all with 1945 written in pen on notes	2
224	Netherlands Indies JIM, een cent S/DO in VF, vijf cent SH in XF tien cent S24 in F w/rip	2
225	Netherlands Indies JIM, vijf cent S/BT and tien cent S/AE, both in CU	3
226	Malaya JIM, 1 dollar MO in AU, 5 dollar MR in UNC, 10 dollar MN in VG	2 D
227	Malaya JIM, 1 dollar MO, 10 dollars MP, both in CU	3
228	Philippines JIM, set of 1, 5, 10, and 50 centavos and 1, 5, 10, and 100 peso, in AU and CU	6
229	Oceania JIM, 1 shilling OC in CU	2
230	Philippine WW2 Emergency note from Cagayan, 1942 2 peso with stamp in VF	40
231	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Iloilo, 1942 1 peso in F, 1941 2 peso in Unc. 1941 5 peso in F	4
232	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1943 1 peso yellow paper in crisp EF, 1943 1 peso manila paper in CU	4
233	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1944 1 peso white paper in crisp EF, 1944 1 peso brown paper in EF	4
234	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1943 5 peso white paper in CU, 1944 5 peso brown paper in CU	4
235	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1943 10 peso white paper in CU, 1944 10 peso brown paper in EF	4
236	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1943 20 peso white paper in VF, 1944 20 peso pink paper in EF, 1945 20 peso brown paper in crisp AU	10
237	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1943 50 peso white paper in crisp EF	15
238	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1943 100 peso white paper in crisp EF with small tear	20
239	Philippine WW2 Emergency notes from Negros, 1943 500 peso white paper in crisp EF	80
240	Clark AFB Philippines Enlisted Mens club, 10 cent brass token, PI-250a in VF	4
241	Clark AFB Philippines Airmen Open Mess club, 5 cent plated brass token, PI-120/B-501 in EF	10
242	Clark AFB Philippines Top Hat club, 20 cent brass token, PI-390 in EF	5
243	Clark AFB Philippines Top 3 club, 1 dollar plated brass token, PI-300/B-507 in VF	10
244	Clark AFB Philippines NCO Open Mess club, 1 dollar plated brass token PI-300n/B-511d in EF	10
245	Fort McKinley Philippines Post Exchange, 50 centavos brass token B-578g in VF	40
246	Fort McKinley Manila Philippines Post Exchange, 1 peso brass token, B-578h in VF	20

247	Fort Mills Corregidor Philippines Post Exchange, 10 cent brass token, B-587c in VF	10
248	Fort Mills Corregidor Philippines Post Exchange, 2 x 1 peso brass tokens, slanted and straight 1 with dots on rim, B-587h in VF	30
249	Fort Mills Corregidor Philippines Post Exchange, 1 peso brass token, straight 1 with broad milled rim, B-587h in VF	15
250	John Hay Air Base Philippines Airmen Open Mess, \$2 chip	15
251	John Hay Air Base Philippines Airmen Open Mess, \$5 chip	20
252	Joint United States Military Advisory Group (JUSMAG) NCO club Manila Philippines, 20 centavos plated brass token, B-630a in XF	8
253	Joint United States Military Advisory Group (JUSMAG) NCO Club Manila Philippines, 50 centavos brass token, B-630b in XF	8
254	Joint United States Military Advisory Group (JUSMAG) NCO Club Manila Philippines, 1 peso plated brass token, B-630b in UNC	10
255	27th Infantry Exchange Manila Philippines, 25 centavos aluminum token, B-613b in VF	25
256	Pauline's Club Angeles & Olongapo Philippines, 20 centavos brass token, B-318 in VF	10
257	The Cosmo Club, Manila Philippines, bronze token, PI-1126 in XF	20
258	For Beer Philippines, 20 centavos plated brass token, B-270a in VF	10
259	For Beer Beer Beer Philippines, 50 centavos plated brass token unlisted in VF	15
260	MPC Series 611, 5 cents and 1 dollar, in VF	8
261	MPC Series 641, set of 5, 10, 25, 50 cents, in CU	20
262	MPC Series 661, 5 and 10 cents, in CU	15
263	MPC Series 661, 5 and 25 cents, in VF	2
264	MPC Series 681, 5 and 10 cents, in VF	2
265	Allied Occupation WW2, 50 groschen in crisp EF, 1 schilling in crisp EF, 2 schilling in crisp EF	5
266	Allied Occupation WW2, ten sen, eine mark, two francs, five francs, all in CU	4
267	Allied Occupation WW2, 1, 2, 5, and 10 lira, in circulated condition	2
268	JDM, Philippines, 1 centavo (3 notes), 5 centavos (3 notes), 10 centavos (6 notes) & 50 centavos (6 notes), Total of 18 notes F to AU	8
269	JDM, Philippines, 1 peso (3 notes), 5 pesos (3 notes) & 10 pesos (2 notes) Total of 8 notes. grade F to AU.	8
270	Philippines, Series 66 "VICTORY" notes. 1 peso, 2 peso, 5 pesos & 10 pesos. grade EF to AU	8
271	ITALY, AMC & "State Ticket for Legal Tender" notes, 10 lire Series 1943 (1 note), 50 lire Series 1943 (2 notes). grade AU. Plus "State Ticket for Legal Tender" of 1939 2 lire grade G	5
272	Algeria & Mexico, Banque de ALGERIE notes, 5 francs (2 notes), grade VG-graffiti, 20 francs (1 note), grade AU. Plus El Banco del Estado de Chihuahua note, 5 pesos, grade AU.	8
273	Nazi Germany Municipal and Local bonds with coupons 4 bonds	10 D
274	World War II ration items including a 53 page booklet for distributing book one, a complete unused book 1, 2, 3, 4, and the unissued book 5 rare (some damage to a couple of pages)	300
275	A single complete unused war ration book two.	10
276	A lot of various rationing items	D
277	Leaflet-handbill... SB #161. <i>Remembered</i> page #282	100
278	Roosevelt Dam postcard... unused... XF... back of 681 \$20	7
279	Tiger Souvenir Store, Dollar to Yen, Conversion Card Yokota USAF Base, Fussa, Japan.....approx. 1947	22
280	Italy AMC 1943 100 lire... F-VF... Fancy Serial Number	20
281	2 consec... 100 Yen... B Underprint Series 100... SB #267r <i>Remembered</i> page #292... Notes Are XF+++	700
282	Ration coupon, 5lbs sugar, and unused ration check (sugar)	4 D
283	VN MBF checks, Mervyn H Reynolds and Wm J Pardee	4 D
284	Unused VN MBF checks AMEX (2) MACV and Di An, Chase Manhattan APO 96384	6 D
285	Fr Irwin NCO OM chit 25c	2 D
286	Albert Pick Christmas card, overprinted on Hungary 10 pengo P-100	5 D
287	Partenkirchen 1921 notgeld 20 pf, autographed by (apparently) Albert Pick (He retired there)	5 D
288	Foods Plus bonus certificates, 5, 25 (2), 50 points (62 W 45th St, NY 10036)	2 D
289	Food stamp credit slip 5c (5020 S State St, Chicago)	3 D
290	British Luncheon Vouchers Ltd 15d voucher (unused)	3 D
291	"Keep 'em Flying!" aviation cadet recruitment brochure, Dec 1942 28 pp some damage	6 D

292	41 pieces Space Shuttle and other NASA programs decals, photos brochures	20 D
293	MPC specimen booklet, MPC Fest 1, "Fred Fest 2000" \$1,5,10,20 specimen	40
294	John and Nancy Wilson 50th anniv medal (by ex-US mint engraver Thomas Rogers), brass	4 D
295	John and Nancy Wilson 50th anniv medal (by ex-US mint engraver Thomas Rogers), silver	25 D
296	MPC 481 5 cent 2nd printing replacement D00784354 AU stain upper right corner	
297	MPC 481 10 cent 2nd printing replacement D01320429 VG-F	10
298	MPC 541 5 cent 1st printing replacement F00241162 F-VF	10
299	MPC 541 50 cent replacement F10593521 VF-XF	10
300	MPC 471 \$1 replacement B00072946 PCGS 12 edge split top center	50
301	MPC 471 5 cent replacement B00544376 PCGS 20	50
302	MPC 471 \$1 replacement B00328730 PCGS 15	50
303	MPC 472 5 cent replacement C00400317 PCGS 58	50



304	MPC 472 25 cent replacement C00272715 PCGS 30 5 reported	50
305	MPC series 472 10 cents 2nd printing and 25 cents 1st printing both Unc	
306	MPC series 611 25 cents H04713512H Unc	
307	Band from a pack of 100 MPC	
308	Italy AMC series 1943 1, 2, 5, and 10 Lira Unc	
309	France AMC 2 franc flag back and Japan AMC 1 yen B underprint Unc	
310	German AMC two 10 mark and 100 mark Unc 3 notes total	
311	British Armed Forces Special Voucher 5 Pounds Specimen Unc	
312	British Military Authority 1/-, 2/6, and 10/- AU	
313	British Military Authority 1/-, 2/6, and 10/- VF	
314	British Military Authority 1/- and 5/- XF	
315	British Military Authority 1/- and 5/- VF-XF	
316	2 British Military Authority 1/- circ	
317	10 Different Ration Cards 1942-1959	10 D
318	Commemorative Set 24 transit fare tokens for use during the 1984 Olympic Games Los Angeles	22
319	Set 11 medals Commemorating Battles of American Revolution 1973 Smithsonian Institute	28
320	France 17 complete sheets petrol ration coupons	29
321	3 Eisen coupons 1, 5, 100 Kg	25
322	2 Partial WHW Stamp Books	25
323	British Military Authority 1/-, 2/6 5/- X Notes 1/ RARE	1500
324	Malaya Two Units Rubber Coupon Dec 1941	33
325	2 Canadian Petrol Ration Books Large Size	40
326	2 Different medals Sets	10 D
327	5 German 5 RFG Coins	25

We again want to express our sincere appreciation to many folks that donated lots to this auction which are to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Without your generous contributions this worthy cause cannot be supported. We salute the following people and offer a hearty THANK YOU!

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Editorial

It is a sure sign that the Fest is coming when the auction list appears in the Gram! Thank you to auctioneer Dave Frank for putting together another great auction. A very special thank you goes out to all of the collectors, dealers and others who have donated material to the auction. Thank you.

Now it is up to you to study the list and find some items to bid on. Find some items for your collection or find some donated items to bid up or buy to support the scholarship fund. This is an auction where you can bid up your friends just for the fun of it! Then they can retaliate by bidding you up!

Finally, re the auction, thank you to the balance of the auction staff who do a great job in actually running the auction. Kathy and Dan Freeland keep the book and Roger Urse literally runs the floor delivering lots. Usually there are some other runners. I will try to note them better this year for recognition.

I will not give even a clue as to what, but there are a few items in the auction that I want for me collection. Hopefully, I will get them, then I can give a report in the Gram of items that I won.

In the previous Gram, I told you about some issues with using various kinds of files with the service we use to create and send the Gram. After sending that Gram I was working with the service and learned some more things. One surprising, and interesting, part was that a report is created based upon every Gram. Among other things, the report lists the openings of the Grams by country. I had never seen this report.

Of course as we would expect, the bulk of the openings are in the United States: 86/6%. I was quite surprised that the second country is Australia 5.2%. Germany is third: 2.3%. I looked at several reports. Apparently the report gives the top four countries and the top three seem fairly constant. Fourth place was held by Netherlands, France and Greece.

All of this is very interesting to be sure. I am not certain that there is anything important, but it is interesting. Many years ago we reached out asking readers to report in from where they were reading the Gram. Let's try that again. I guess there are two kinds of reports. Where do you routinely receive the Gram and if you are travelling, where did you receive the Gram?

Letters to the editor

We invite letters on a wide variety of subjects relating to military numismatics. We reserve the right to edit letters to correct obvious errors or to meet Gram editorial standards.

Dear Gram,

This is gram 2380. You numbered both versions of it 2379. The FIRST "correction" should have been to the gram number.

Now, as to the corrections to the training schedule. What happened to shooting Thursday and dinner at the range? On Friday you have 0830-1000 bourse setup after 0930 stamp collectors; those two lines should be swapped. On Friday-Saturday you have staff briefings in four places, with three different lists of responsible parties. What's different about the several instances of briefings? On Saturday you have a break from 2100-2115, followed by "recall to convention" from 2112-2110 (clock running backward?). And what the deuce is "recall to convention"? Then you have awards and lottery drawing from 2110-2230. This makes three events happening together from 2110-2115. Over Saturday and Sunday you have "lights out" twice, once at 0000 (there is no such time as 2400) and again at 0100. On Sunday you have destruction of obsolete MFC, but there has been no conversion to provide fodder for the destruction. Or was "convention" supposed to be "conversion"? And if so, why is a classified event being publicized in an unclassified document? What is the "special staff briefing" with me named as

a responsible party on Sunday evening? You said earlier that there would be a good program on Sunday afternoon, but did not mention anything Sunday night. Louise and I are planning to be driving after supper. Sunday night you have bed check at 2401 - another time designation that does not exist. If this looks like criticism and sarcasm, you should not have asked for it.
Joe

Dear Joe,

Thanks for holding back. I count on you for many things! Nice try on conversion and convention. No, a conversion would not be scheduled ahead. The call to convention is a new item. That is where we make the official announcement of the next Fest. Hopefully we will arrive at the tentative/proposed dates and any issues can be discussed. I will work on potential conflict dates, but any readers who know of conflicts that I would not think of are asked to send them in.

Re Sunday night we have a tradition of anti counterfeit training on Sunday night. I hope that it can continue. I do not want to encourage you to drive after dark, but it is a possibility. John Phipps and I have some planned training for Sunday night, but even for that we anticipated your professional projection assistance. However, we will survive.

battalion clerk, editor, target

Training Schedule (Gram Calendar)

The Gram calendar is different from most numismatic calendars. We strive to list events that are of specific interest to Gramsters. This does not mean that we will not list general coin or paper money shows, but there should be something of special interest to collectors of military numismatic items. We will be happy to list non traditional events if they meet the special interest criteria.

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MPCFest Disposition Form



Fest XX Training Schedule

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ALL PERSONNEL

Date/time	Activity	Personnel	Trainer
Tuesday 30 April			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn featuring Spam hash	all personnel	Kim
0930-1700	work detail arrives	present personnel	The Boss
Wednesday 1 May			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0930-1700	Fest preparations	work detail	Harold, Flash Gordon
1700-1900	fish fry	Jolly Roger	The Boss
Thursday 2 May			
0800-1900	hotel registration	individuals	Kim
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0930-1830	bourse preparations	select personnel	Harold
1700	bus departs HEI for Camp Perry	all interested	
1730-1800	chow at Camp Perry	all interested	individuals
1800-1900	marksmanship training Camp Perry	all interested	
2100-	bull session/swap meet	all available	NA
Friday 3 May			
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim	all personnel	1SGs
0800-1900	hotel registration	individuals as required	Kim
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0830-1000	bourse set up	work detail and dealers	David
0930-	military stamp collectors	interested personnel	Roger
1000-1500	bourse open to the public	all personnel	John
1000-1600	bourse, auction lot viewing	all interested	Dave Frank
1300-1400	bond collectors' meeting	interested personnel in mess hall	Drew
1400-1500	JIM & Philippine collectors forum	interested personnel in bourse	Shafer
1700-1730	new fester training	new Festers	1SG Myers & 1SGs
1730-1800	company meetings	all personnel	1SGs
1805-1930	dining in, Fester anniversary party	all personnel	Fred as Mr. Vice
1930-2045	opening ceremony	all personnel	Fred
2045-2130	staff briefings	all personnel	Fellers
2130-2245	March Madness prelims	all personnel	Downey
2245-2330	pay call	all personnel, by company	class A agent
2330-2400	bull session	by company	1SGs
2400	lights out	by company	1SGs

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Saturday 4 May			
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim	all personnel	1SG
0700-0800	chow	all personnel	Kim
0730-0800	sick call	sick and lame	Tolek, Myers, Frank
0800-0810	company pics (color Ts required)	mess hall	1SGs & Gordon
0811-0830	battalion picture	mess hall	The Boss & Gordon
0830-0900	autograph party	all personnel	bn clerk
0900-1200	staff briefings	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1200-1300	chow	all personnel	Kim
1300-1340	key note presentation	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1345-1500	staff briefings	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1500-1515	break!!!!	all personnel	1SGs
1515-1523	sing along	all personnel	Kathy
1523-1800	staff briefings	all personnel	Fellers, Joe, Buckley
1800-1900	dining out, Fest birthday party	all personnel	Fred as Mr. Vice
1900-2100	March Madness finals	all personnel	Downey
2100-2115	break	all personnel	The Boss
2110-2230	awards, Fest XX lottery	all personnel	Steve S.
2230-2235	call to convention	all personnel	battalion clerk
2235-2400	military poker game reenactment	all players	Brad
2200-2300	auction lot viewing (concurrent)	all personnel	auction staff
2300-2400	snack time (left overs)	interested personnel	mess sgt
2400	lights out/bed check	by company	1SGs
Sunday 5 May			
0100	lights out, bed check	all personnel	1SGs
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting)	all personnel	1SGs
0600-0800	chow	all personnel	Kim
0700-0745	sick call	sick and lame	medics
0700-0730	destruction of obsolete MFC	select personnel	battalion clerk
0730-0800	auction lot viewing	optional	Dave Frank, auctioneer
0800-1200	Smulczewski scholarship auction	all personnel	Dave Frank, auctioneer
1200-1230	police call and early departures	select personnel	Harold
1200-1245	Fest cook out on patio	all personnel	Kim and Brad
1245-1330	break camp	available personnel	Harold
1330-1630	Johnson Island POW and sutler	all available personnel	1SG Myers
1900-2000	chow	TBA	Judy
2000-ca2200	special staff briefing	Camp Leo May	John P., Fred, Joe
2400	lights out/bed check	all personnel	Judy
Monday 6 May			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all remaining personnel	Kim
1830	featuring Spam and eggs local poker game (FRNs required)	select personnel	Fred
Tuesday 7 May			
0700-0730	breakfast Holiday Inn	all remaining personnel	Kim
Coordinating instructions: Problems etc contact the battalion clerk at 419 349 1872 (Schwan cell phone) alternate cell (419) 202 0106 (Boss' cell), fredschwan@yahoo.com; or (419) 732 7322 (Holiday Inn) kim@rutahotels.com Auction items coordinate: Dave Frank • dave@frankcomputers.com Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem tournament with \$25/MFC buy in. >\$10,000 MFC prizes Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 (419) 732 7322			

May 3-5 MPCFest XX. Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Likely optional post Fest field training on May 6 or May 6 and 7.

Coordinating information:

Fest sponsors Joe and Louise Boling, Ray and Steve Feller, Dave Frank, Dave Hunsicker, Al Glaser, Brett Irick, Harold Kroll, Bill Myers, Dave Seelye, Warner Talso, welcome Festers to Camp Leo May. Post Fest field trip is under consideration. If you are interested, please write to the Gram.

Reservations call Kim at 419 732 7322. Chat or questions call Fred at 419 349 1872.

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Coordinate your staff briefing at ray.feller@gmail.com

Bid board donations phippsjo2002@yahoo.com,

Gram Exchange

Do you have something for sale (or trade)? You can offer these items here in the Gram Exchange. Send your text and images (!) to the editor for inclusion in the Gram Exchange. Please send the images in jpeg format with each image in a separate file.

I have the new WWII US POW book by Frank/Seelye at a special price for Gramsters: \$29.99 Domestic Shipping FREE!

I also have several copies of Fred's 4th edition available at \$50 post paid USA only. Davideseelye@gmail.com.

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29 April 2019

Fest Keynote Speaker

Ray and Steve Feller, MPCFest training officers, have announced that the Keynote speaker at MPCFest XX will be well-known MPC collector and researcher Fred Schwan. The title of his presentation will be "New Ways to Look at MPC Replacements." This talk will be based on new research that Schwan has been doing on the subject.

By special arrangement with Fest management, the presentation will be open to the public at no charge on a space available basis. The keynote will be at 1pm on 4 May at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

Free Fest Activities

MPCFest is a closed activity. Registration and payment of a fee is required. However, the Fest includes several free activities. First and foremost is the bourse on Friday. You can buy or sell coins, paper money, tokens even military relics (but no firearms or ammo). Even if you do not want to buy or sell, you can see many different things.

The Fest bourse unique in the country. It is the only bourse in the country that is held on Friday only. This means that everyone get first chance so to speak. The most important part is that the material is very different than all other bourses (usually called shows). The emphasis at the Fest bourse is paper money and especially military paper money. However, you can and likely will find almost anything at the Fest bourse.

During the bourse hours you can also attend specialty collecting events relating to bonds, Japanese Invasion Money and military stamps. Wow--very unusual. See the schedule in the calendar below.

So, we hope to see you at the Fest bourse: Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

Company Assignments

Fest XX company and duty assignments are announced as shown on the schedule below.

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Battalion Roster, by company with duty assignments MPC Fest XX

A, 1SG (blue)	Glaser, Al	C, 1SG (yellow)	Giese, Brian
A, assistant 1SG	Watta, John	C, assistant 1SG	Smulczynski, Larry
A, bn bond officer	Drew, Robert	C, auction assistant	Freeland, Dan
A, assistant bond officer	Shafer, Neil	C, auction, glee club	Freeland, Kathy
A, fire marshal	Witzke, Brian	C, yearbook editor	Tolek, Kris
A, asst mess sergeant	Hunsicker, David	C, yearbook gofor	Tolek, Cuneyd
A, protocol officer	Dunn, Dick	C, silver trader	Schrier, Nick
A, lottery and awards	Buckley, Mike	C, guard	Biscan, Ken
A, collector	Potter, Lehman	C, asst lottery and awards	Beaman, Ed
A, genealogist	Robinson, Robbie		
B, 1SG (green)	Myers, Bill	D, Sr. Chief (red)	Urce, Roger
B, asst 1SG, MM host	Downey, Jim	D, assistant 1SG	Boling, Joe
B, auctioneer	Frank, David	D, Bn PIO and NEO	Boling, Louise
B, operations officer	Feller, Ray	D, class A agent	Kroll, Harold
B, asst operations officer	Feller, Steve	D, bn travel guide	Inick, Brett
B, promoter	Spungen, Danny	D, dealer	Schweighofer, George
B, translator	Fedner, Greg	D, guard	Schusterman, Richard
B, registration	Phipps, John	D, KP	Majewski, Kiel†
B, medic	Poe, Randy	D, KP	Schumacher, Forrest†
B, KP	Heim, John		
		H, bn clerk (black)	Schwan, Fred
		H, boss	Schwan, Judy
		H, casino officer	Schwan, Brad
		H, artist	Schwan, Dave
		H, photographer	Flash Gordon

Tiger Lillies

Louise Boling*
Alla Fedner
Kathy Freeland*
Prudy Smulczynski
Judy Schwan

*also Fester

Honor Rolls

Mike Cummings (1947-) (RVN veteran)
George Fitzgerald (1933-2011)
Robert Kutcher (Korea veteran)
Leo May
Bob Olson (-2019) (RVN veteran)
Tom Warburton (WWII veteran)
Adolf Witzke (-2019)
Rob Stevenson (-2019) (WWII veteran)
Hans Walter (1921-2018, (concentration camp survivor)
Adna Wilde (Summer Seminar) (WWII veteran)

Tiger Lillies

Kathy Dunn
Jane Talso (1935-2015)
Valerie May (-2019)

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Editorial

Fest XX is nearly upon us. How can it be? I remember how excited I was for Fest V! I must admit that the biggest point of discussion at Fest I was Fest II! We wanted to make sure that there would be a second one. But we could not have dared think about Fest XX. That would have seemed unthinkable.

With Fest XX at our door, I am thinking about Fest XXI! Festers and careful Gram readers will know that for the past few years we have been having marksmanship training on Thursday night before the Fest. That training has been at the modern indoor air rifle and pistol range. It is a marvelous place.

I have had it in the back of my mind that I would love for us to expand on that and have a chance to shoot high powered rifles on the world famous Camp Perry range.

While coordinating for the indoor marksmanship training for Fest XX, I screwed up the courage to ask about high power shooting. The first answer was no, it was not possible. After all, the Fest is in April or May and late in the week. Nope.

I saw the slightest bit of doubt and pushed. Well, she said, the only chance would be open shooting on Mondays, but we only have ten firing points for it and it is from 1000 to 1800 on Monday. Wow I responded. That is possible. It would not be for everyone, but it would be possible for the keen and curious.

Today I ran a recon to Camp Perry. As soon as I saw the red live firing range flag, I knew that I was in luck. It was more than luck. I never would have guessed what a great place it is. The range is as modern as the aforementioned indoor air range. Shooters can monitor every shot on a screen at each firing point.

The fellow in charge, Mike Conrad, is a Port Clinton High School graduate, but quite a while after I was there. He explained that shooting is \$10 an hour with shooters providing their own rifles and ammo. Sounds like a great deal to shoot at the world famous Camp Perry range. Of course that raises some issues for me. Then again, it will probably be necessary for me to practice a few Mondays between now and when the Fest goes to Camp Perry.

One fellow had an interesting device attached to the muzzle of his rifle. As crazy as it seemed, my only guess was that it tested muzzle velocity. I inquired and was correct. Cool. The shooter showed me how the device worked. Well, not really how it worked, but how it displayed useful information for the shooter. As you would assume from what I have told you, the device measures the muzzle velocity of every round. It then displays it and the velocity of the preceding rounds.

Somehow (software of course) you can have it compare groups of rounds. In this case the fellow was comparing the velocities of two groups of cartridges: commercial cartridges and hand loaded! He showed me all of the data. In addition to the velocities, the device calculated the standard deviations for both groups. The results were interesting indeed. The hand loaded rounds that the fellow had, well, hand loaded had a greater muzzle velocity by .3 xs per ys. I am not sure about the x and y, but I am about the .3. I had a great time and look forward to the opportunity to take some Festers to the local, but world famous, Camp Perry (high power) range.

Letters to the editor

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Dear Gram,

My name is David Neale and I read the Gram on my computer in Albury NSW 2640 Australia. Why do I read it? Information is limited in Australia on JIM and other military money. I started to collect issues from theatres of war so that my son who has done 3 tours (2 Afghanistan and 1 Iraq) has something to show his offspring should there be any. Like many soldiers he brought back very little in terms of material items as they were not important at the time, but as he ages and settles into a sort of civilian life he does now look on the items I have collected and tell stories of his

experiences and how the items relate to those experiences. I think the same thought processes are going on with medals he was awarded and when he looks at those given to WWI & WWII relatives that I hold he has a far greater appreciation and respect for the items and their history. So I live in hope that what I pass on will not just be sold in a job lot to the lowest bidder.

So access to information that is current and factual is important in a region where it is scant. So thank you for publication and dissemination of interesting material.

From the dark side of the moon,

Dear David,

I am very happy to hear from you! Someone read my editorial! Thank you. It is presumptive for me to speak for all Gramsters, but I will anyway! Please thank your son for his service. Thank you too for keeping the respect alive. We would be proud if your son wanted a Gram subscription for himself.

I am working on one research project that relates directly to Australia. As you likely know, Australians in Viet Nam were paid in military payment certificates. Thus far have found only one artifact that supports that idea. It is a certificate with an Australian back stamp and signature. What else might exist? Certainly, there are some pictures of Australian soldiers being paid in MPC. I would love to have such a photo for the (bending) fifth edition of the MPC book.

Thanks again for writing. We look forward to hearing from you again--hopefully soon.

Do you recall how you first learned of the Gram?

David Neale

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ALL PERSONNEL			
Date/time	Activity	Personnel	Trainer
Tuesday 30 April			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn featuring Spam hash	all personnel	Kim
0930-1700	work detail arrives	present personnel	The Boss
Wednesday 1 May			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0930-1700	Fest preparations	work detail	Harold, Flash Gordon
1700-1900	fish fry	Jolly Roger	The Boss
Thursday 2 May			
0800-1900	hotel registration	individuals	Kim
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0930-1830	bourse preparations	select personnel	Harold
1700	bus departs HEI for Camp Perry	all interested	
1730-1800	chow at Camp Perry	all interested	individuals
1800-1900	marksmanship training Camp Perry	all interested	
2100-	bull session/swap meet	all available	NA
Friday 3 May			
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim	all personnel	1SGs
0800-1900	hotel registration	individuals as required	Kim
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all personnel	Kim
0830-1000	bourse set up	work detail and dealers	David
0930-	military stamp collectors	interested personnel	Roger
1000-1500	bourse open to the public	all personnel	John
1000-1600	bourse, auction lot viewing	all interested	Dave Frank
1300-1400	bond collectors' meeting	interested personnel in mess hall	Drew
1400-1500	JIM & Philippine collectors forum	interested personnel in bourse	Shafer
1700-1730	new fester training	new Festers	1SG Myers & 1SGs
1730-1800	company meetings	all personnel	1SGs
1805-1930	dining in, Fester anniversary party	all personnel	Fred as Mr. Vice
1930-2045	opening ceremony	all personnel	Fred
2045-2130	staff briefings	all personnel	Fellers
2130-2245	March Madness prelims	all personnel	Downey
2245-2330	pay call	all personnel, by company	class A agent
2330-2400	bull session	by company	1SGs
2400	lights out	by company	1SGs

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Saturday 4 May			
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim	all personnel	1SG
0700-0800	chow	all personnel	Kim
0730-0800	sick call	sick and lame	Tolek, Myers, Frank
0800-0810	company pics (color Ts required)	mess hall	1SGs & Gordon
0811-0830	battalion picture	mess hall	The Boss & Gordon
0830-0900	autograph party	all personnel	bn clerk
0900-1200	staff briefings	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1200-1300	chow	all personnel	Kim
1300-1340	key note presentation	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1345-1500	staff briefings	all personnel	Steve, Joe, Mike
1500-1515	break!!!!	all personnel	1SGs
1515-1523	sing along	all personnel	Kathy
1523-1800	staff briefings	all personnel	Fellers, Joe, Buckley
1800-1900	dining out, Fest birthday party	all personnel	Fred as Mr. Vice
1900-2100	March Madness finals	all personnel	Downey
2100-2115	break	all personnel	The Boss
2110-2230	awards, Fest XX lottery	all personnel	Steve S.
2230-2235	call to convention	all personnel	battalion clerk
2235-2400	military poker game reenactment	all players	Brad
2200-2300	auction lot viewing (concurrent)	all personnel	auction staff
2300-2400	snack time (left overs)	interested personnel	mess sgt
2400	lights out/bed check	by company	1SGs
Sunday 5 May			
0100	lights out, bed check	all personnel	1SGs
0400-0600	10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting)	all personnel	1SGs
0600-0800	chow	all personnel	Kim
0700-0745	sick call	sick and lame	medics
0700-0730	destruction of obsolete MFC	select personnel	battalion clerk
0730-0800	auction lot viewing	optional	Dave Frank, auctioneer
0800-1200	Smulczewski scholarship auction	all personnel	Dave Frank, auctioneer
1200-1230	police call and early departures	select personnel	Harold
1200-1245	Fest cook out on patio	all personnel	Kim and Brad
1245-1330	break camp	available personnel	Harold
1330-1630	Johnson Island POW and sutler	all available personnel	1SG Myers
1900-2000	chow	TBA	Judy
2000-ca2200	special staff briefing	Camp Leo May	John P., Fred, Joe
2400	lights out/bed check	all personnel	Judy
Monday 6 May			
0830-0900	breakfast at Holiday Inn	all remaining personnel	Kim
1830	featuring Spam and eggs local poker game (FRNs required)	select personnel	Fred
Tuesday 7 May			
0700-0730	breakfast Holiday Inn	all remaining personnel	Kim
Coordinating instructions:			
Problems etc contact the battalion clerk at 419 349 1872 (Schwan cell phone) alternate cell (419) 202 0106 (Boss' cell), fredschwan@yahoo.com; or (419) 732 7322 (Holiday Inn) kim@rutahotels.com			
Auction items coordinate: Dave Frank • dave@frankcomputers.com			
Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem tournament with \$25/MFC buy in. >\$10,000 MFC prizes			
Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 (419) 732 7322			

May 3-5 MPCFest XX. Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Likely optional post Fest field training on May 6 or May 6 and 7.

Coordinating information:

Fest sponsors Joe and Louise Boling, Ray and Steve Feller, Dave Frank, Dave Hunsicker, Al Glaser, Brett Irick, Harold Kroll, Bill Myers, Dave Seelye, Warner Talso, welcome Festers to Camp Leo May. Post Fest field trip is under consideration. If you are interested, please write to the Gram.

Reservations call Kim at 419 732 7322. Chat or questions call Fred at 419 349 1872.

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Fest Spectacular



MPCFest 20 convened on Friday in Port Clinton, Ohio on Friday May 3. Friday led off with a unique bourse--the only one in the world that is held only on Friday. It is held on Friday because when the Fest proper starts Friday evening there is no more time for dealing! Instead Festers then concentrate on educational and fun activities!

After dinner and opening ceremonies the educational activities commenced with the preliminary rounds of the Fest National Collector Championship known as March Madness to the contestants. In this contest, all Festers are paired in head to head single elimination competition.

The final activity of the evening is unique--the Festers are paid to attending. They are paid in money called Military Fest Certificates. This money is modeled after the Fest namesake, military payment certificates. In this case the Festers were paid in Series 181 which had been first issued in 2018. The money is then valid for purchases during the Fest.

Editorial

I am preparing this Gram while sitting in the mess hall at Camp May (aka Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton/MPCFest). We will have more reports on Fest activities in the next few Grams. From my view MPCFest 20 was spectacular. I had fun and learned a lot. It is hard to do better than that. On the other hand, it is not my opinion that counts. I am the host (known at the battalion clerk) so it is self serving to make positive comments about the Fest. It is what the other Festers say that counts. If you were at MPCFest 20, we will be very happy to have your comments. Sure, tell us what you liked, but also tell us where we fell short.

The discussions in the mess hall tonight centered on ways to make improvements for MPCFest 21! We have thought of a few ways, but look forward to other ideas.

Letters to the editor

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Dear Gram,

Amazing Fest 20. Some new people, some long lost returnees. Handed out six (6) paybooks, four to people who have filled their originals! So, Gram readers, since you will surely be at Fest 21, check YOUR paybooks, and let me know if you need a replacement. Replacements will be available at Fest 21, and at most mini-fests.

Louise Boling, Paymaster

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Fest Report III

by Bill Myers

Saturday started with breakfast and then the company and battalion pictures. It was like herding cats so it was as expected. The staff briefings were started under the direction of Ray and Steve Feller. As usual there were some very interesting and informative talks. Lunch was next so the festers could energize themselves for the afternoon.

Fred gave the keynote presentation and it was about new information about MPC replacements. There were far fewer printed than the previous numbers indicate. Great research Fred. This was followed by Kathy Freeland with the sing along. This was followed by the remaining staff briefings. They were very interesting.

There was some malfeasance with MFC series 181 so there was a conversion to MFC series 191. Very attractive notes. The dining out was next with the usual toasts. The cake had the battalion picture on it that had just taken that morning. Wow! The National Championship was next. It was very exciting with Joe Boling and Fred Schwan in the final. Fred was the final champion. Fred is the fourth fester (after Downey, Myers, Shafer) to win three championships and only the second fester to win two championships in a row (Myers was the first). Joe Boling is the only fester who has the potential to be a three time winner at the next fest. Who will challenge him next year? Will Dave Frank be a two time champion, will there be a first time champion?

The awards were next. Those who assisted with the fest were recognized as well as the Marksman Championship, poker and National Champion (Fred). The raffle drawing was held. The Ray Toy award was announced. It was awarded to Fred Schwan, Harold Kroll and Larry Smulczynski. They are the three original festers who have attended every fest. Fest XX was the perfect time to recognize their dedication and contributions to Military Numismatics. A special presentation was made to Judy (The Boss) and Fred (Battalion Clerk) from the festers which was a silver walking liberty half dollar on which the reverse had been smoothed and engraved MPC FEST XX 3-5 MAY 2019 JUDY SCHWAN THE BOSS/ FRED SCHWAN BATTALION CLERK in appreciation of the hard work they have done to make the past 20 fest happen.

Next was a call to convention which discussed next years fest (tentative dates 20-11 March 2020, watch the gram for updates). Auction lot viewings were the next event along with the poker championship when Brad Schwan beat Dick Dunn to be the champion.

After breakfast on Sunday the Fest auction took place. It was a chance to buy some interesting items and there were some bargains to be found. The scholarship fund benefitted from the auction. Lunch was next on the schedule. Some festers packed up and left while others went on the filed trip. A Military Fest Ticket was issued for the event. It was an enjoyable and relaxing event. The evening ended with a bonus dinner composed of the leftovers from the prior meals and a viewing of a movie about the POW camp on Johnson's Island.

I need to comment on the Rest challenge coin. The challenge coin from last year was issued with a corrected version of the date on the edge (XIX instead of XVIII). The new challenge coin features a right facing bust of a male with a laurel wreath on the obverse. The challenge coin had a T stamped on the neck and was issued to the festers who presented during training and a silver version was issued to those participating in the Championship Challenge (March Madness). There are 7 colorized versions of the coin, 4 for the 1st SGTs, 1 for registration and 2 in the raffle. The image is from the 541 & 691 \$5 MPC. The reverse has an eagle, flag and stars that is on other fest coins. Could this beginning of images from MPC on future Fest challenge coins? You need to come to the next fest to find out.

It was an excellent fest. Each year is better then the last. If you missed Fest XX you missed a good time and there are 10 months left before the next fest so start making plans to attend.

Editorial

In the time leading up to Fest XX, I thought that the time flew, and of course it did. After the Fest I slowed down because I knew that time too would slow down and of course it did not. The great feature article by Bill Myers above was sent promptly. I had a plan for optimum distribution of the Grams and of course I got hit by that whirlwind as time flew by.

Yesterday I received the Knight catalog for Memphis. Not too much surprising in the paper money, but some interesting items for sure. Be sure to have a look at the catalog. I may be able to comment more on these items later (depending in part on that whirlwind).

The surprising thing was an additional small catalog that was in the envelope. It was a, gasp, coin auction catalog! After getting over the surprise I flipped through that catalog too. It was a pleasant experience. It includes some interesting and nice coin from the Dick Haude collection. There are even a few that I might bid on, but there was a little surprise that I liked very much.

The sale is of an old collection. It is not a huge collection, but it is a nice collection. The surprise was that most of the lots indicate from whom the Dick bought the respective coins 30, 40, 50 years ago. Sadly, many of the sellers have gone to the Great Bourse. I knew many of them and at least knew off nearly all of the them. I think that the inclusion of this information in the catalog is wonderful. Thank you, Lyn.

Thank you too, to Dick Haude for having kept the information about the sellers so that it (the information) could be included in the catalog..

Letters to the editor

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Dear Gram,

We received a "happy anniversary" card in the mail signed by all the festers. THANK YOU! Very kind and thoughtful of you. Evie and I had a nice time at the shooting range on Thursday. I highly recommend joining if you're able to next year! Great seeing you all, and look forward to the next one!

Dave Schwan

Dear Gram,
I had a great time at MPC Fest XX and hope to make it again.
I have a suggestion. Would it be possible to record the training sessions and burn them onto a DVD? Then the Festers who cannot make the Fest can buy a copy and enjoy.

Thanks again,
Forrest Schumacher

Dear Forrest,
We are delighted that you had a great time at the Fest. We did too. Certainly, it would be desirable to record all of the presentations and provide them somehow to the greater community. We have tried it a bit. We have even tried live broadcasting the staff briefings (presentations).
Do you have some skill in this area?

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Do you have a favorite note? Probably you do. It certainly gets harder to decide as the years---and decades---slide by and the purchases pile up.

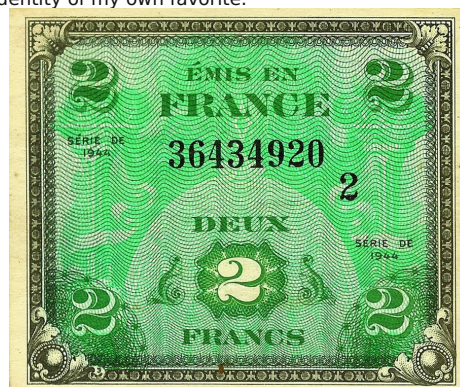
I have some rare notes and even some really rare notes and I like them all. Some of them have been recognized as being rare over all the years that I have collected. A few were not recognized as such when I took them home. Of course there were some apparent rarities that I gleefully took home only to have them later slip to a common rating.

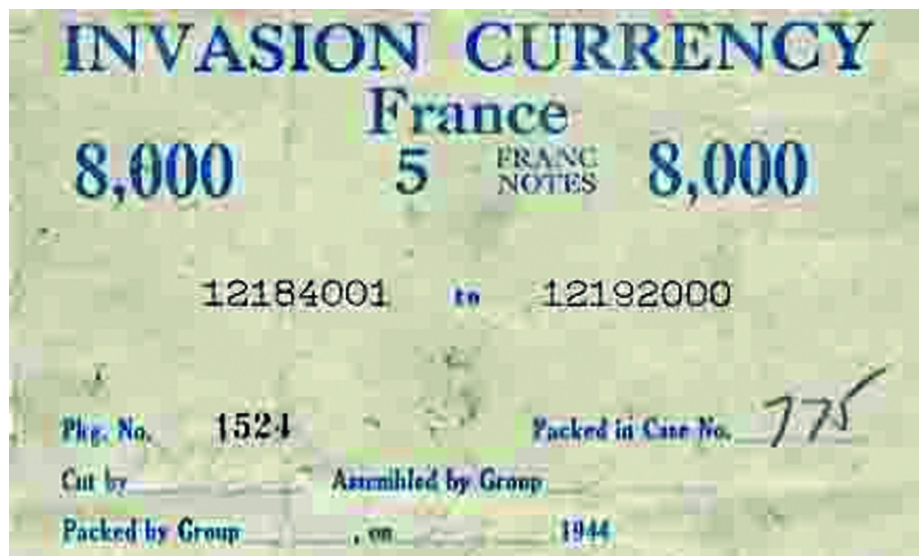
A few of my rarities even were found in junk boxes! The bad news is that not a single one of these junk box rarities in my collection was found in the boxes by me! On more than one occasion an excited collector has shown me a note that he had plucked from a junk box then sold to me at a substantially higher price. In such cases I am not upset. I am glad! I like people to bring their finds to me. I would much rather have a great note at a high price than to not have it!

I have paid some high prices for notes. Really high. Mind numbing high. Even marriage wrecking high. I am happy that I can say that I really like all of those high-priced notes, but I can assure you that price has little to do with love as you will see. I just must throw in that none of my favorites are prized because they are one of the finest examples or even the finest example known. I am much more likely to like a well-circulated note that is the only one known, but my favorite does not fall in that category either--far from it.

Having said all of this, I can (and will) tell you what my favorite note is, but first a few more twists. I owned one of these notes long before I recognized it as even a candidate for favorite. There is another significant problem with selecting the favorite note. I love all of my babies.

I am fond of talking about "history in your hands" as the most important basis of collecting. This is getting closer to the identity of my own favorite.





So, after all of this I must tell you that I believe that my favorite note is the ultimate of history in your hands. It is the extremely common Allied military 2 franc note!

This note was created in the United States on behalf of the Allies expressly for the invasion of France: D-Day, 6 June 1944. These notes were in the pockets of every soldier, sailor, airman and marine that attacked the continent on that day. I cannot see a picture or movie about D-Day without thinking of those notes in the pockets.

Wonderfully, there is much lore to add to the history of those lowly 2 franc notes. First, let me explain why I like the 2 franc note the best when the series has notes as high as 5000 francs that are rare. It is the irony of it. That little 2 franc note is so small of size and denomination to be all but unnoticed by collectors today and even in commerce in 1944. Like the common fighting man it was there to do a job without any fanfare.

Furthermore, that small size and denomination made it an ideal souvenir for those fighters. At least many thousands of the 2 franc notes were put into envelopes and sent home to loved ones as souvenirs and symbols of where the sender had been and what he had done. Often, the sender wrote a few words on these notes: words of love, time or place. If those soldiers, sailors, and airmen, thought enough of those 2 franc notes to send them home, then we (at least I) should respect them (the people and the notes).

The notes are not inexpensive, they are downright cheap. You can easily pick up some nice very fines at a show for \$2 (a fitting price I must say) or less, often substantially less. I cannot stop myself. I have hundreds of them.

I try to always carry one of these notes on my person in the hope of striking up a conversation with friends and strangers. If the person seems truly interested, I present the note at the end of the conversation with the admonition that the note represents the unbelievable courage of all those thousands of men on D-Day and that the world (borrowing from Winston Churchill) will recognize that courage for a thousand years.

In addition to the emotional factors above, the Allied military franc notes are fascinating in many ways that are more commonly appreciated by collectors.

As I said, they were printed in the United States. Mostly they were printed by the Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Corporation that we discussed last time for Allied military lire. Like the lire, the Forbes monogram F is included on all of the franc notes. Unlike the AM lire, the colophon is not significant in identifying any varieties.

They were printed as Operation Tomcat. This is an intriguing bit of information. It is well-known that the D-Day operation itself was Operation Overlord. The purpose of code names is to allow discussion of details without violating security.

Collectors first learned of Operation Tomcat in 1968 in the seminal article by Neil Shafer and Ken Bressett. Since then we have found wonderful, amazing even, confirmation of that fact.

The photograph that Joe and I selected for the cover of *World War II Remembered* is of pay operations somewhere in England a few days before D-Day. A young lieutenant is paying the troops at a table under camouflage netting.

The soldier being paid has an M-1 carbine and the officer has a pistol on the table. If you look at the table carefully, you can see a nice stack of the square Allied military francs (2, 5, and 10 franc notes are all of the same small square shape and size). Very dramatically there is also a wooden shipping box on the table painted Operation Tomcat!

More subtly, Bank of France notes are also on the table. This confirms another important aspect of AM francs. It is common to call them invasion money, liberation notes, spearhead notes, and even occupation money. The French people sometimes called it American money. These various terms have differing degrees of credibility, but the notes were officially known as "supplemental francs."

This is an important point. When the issue was planned, printed, transported, and distributed, it was intended to supplement the Bank of France notes that the Allies expected to find in circulation.

This intended use is demonstrated by the use of the AM and Bank of France francs on the pay table in the photograph. Importantly, the supplemental terminology can also be confirmed by its use on the covers of specimen books of the D-Day notes.

Of course at Forbes the notes were lithographed. The designs were simple. The notes were appropriately Series 1944. This fact is on the face of the notes but of little consequence in identifying the notes. They do not have a signature, but they are numbered and as usual the serial numbers are of great interest to us.

The numbers are really quite extraordinary. They are typical eight numerals but without prefix or suffix.

Obviously, the numerical limit for such a system is 100 million notes (possibly by adding a replacement for the last note).

To number beyond the 100 million limit, the printers, Forbes and the BEP (on a small number of notes) added an additional number to the field of the notes; numeral 2 for the second block etc. It was necessary to number a second block for the 2, 5, and 100 franc notes. I especially like the extra "2" on the 2 franc notes!

In most, if not all, cases world-wide replacements are indicated by altering the blocks. Even though the blocks in this case consist of only one (or no) numeral the same system was used. For replacements, the block number is replaced by the letter "X."

Compared to Operation Overlord, Operation Tomcat was a relatively small undertaking. Of course Tomcat was important to military finance personnel, Forbes workers and management, and even important to BEP management. Surprisingly, this detail of Allied planning became the source of some international political turmoil.

In due course Allied staff officers visited General Charles de Gaulle at the Free French headquarters in London. The staffers showed the notes to the general who immediately rejected them as unsatisfactory! There were two major points of contention. The notes were not signed and had innocently applied but offending text: "Emis en France" [Issued in France]. The general pointed out that no one issues notes in France but Frenchmen and that this text indicated otherwise.

Furthermore, General de Gaulle said that if the Allied headquarters went ahead and issued these notes, that he, Charles de Gaulle, would announce via radio that the people should not accept the notes.

As you can imagine, the staff officers were stunned. What they viewed as a courtesy visit and turned into a potential disaster. They returned to SHAEF (Supreme Headquarter Allied Expeditionary Force) to report the problem to the supreme commander, General Eisenhower.

We have no information on this, but I would love to know what alternatives the staff guys thought up before they got to see Eisenhower. Did they consider scrapping the entire issue and printing a new one in England perhaps? How about overprinting the Tomcat notes? Perhaps they

considered trying to get enough Bank of France notes. We likely will never know, but there is always a chance of a diary or other as yet unbound document will tell us.

Back a SHAFE, they asked Ike what they should do. After a pause, Ike responded that they should issue the notes. Somewhat taken aback, they asked under whose authority. He leaned forward (I cannot document the leaning part) and said "On my authority." As you can imagine, that was good enough for the staff officers.

Who decides if an issue of money is good? The chief executive? Financial authorities? Central banks? In this case the supreme commander? No. The people decide.

The Allies went ashore on June 6, the people gladly accepted the money, and General de Gaulle kept quiet. However, it is very interesting that the German army saw the same flaws as de Gaulle and ran a propaganda campaign to discredit the notes.

Wow, what a story and it is only half of the tale! Additional accommodation was made to General de Gaulle. A series of notes was printed by Forbes that fixed some of the objections. Specifically, the offending terminology was replaced with the rather bland but safe word "FRANCE," but no signature was added. The back designs were changed completely with the French flag again replaced by the safe word "FRANCE."

Interestingly, the notes were officially called "Provisional Francs." That was because they were created on behalf of the provisional government of France. As far as I know, they were issued indiscriminately with the supplemental and Bank of France francs. It is also not known if there was some accounting magic done to charge the provisional government for manufacturing and shipping the notes.

I believe that the Allied 2 franc note is the most common note in collections in the world! Of course it gets down to the definition of collection. You will find this note in every collection of French notes, World War II notes, notes printed in the United States, and most importantly in family collections of mementos.



MPCFest XX battaliation

MPCFest XXI countdown

MPCFest XX was a resounding success and preparations are underway to make Fest XXI even better. The most important task at the moment is to confirm the dates for Fest XXI.

Below is a summary of the weekends and important dates for 2020. The date for the Michigan State show has been updated since the Fest. Thanks to Kathy Freeland and The Boss, we have a list of potential conflicts for Fest XXI..

Fest headquarters has selected two candidate dates from this list (Mar 20-22 and April 17-19). Your input is important in making this decision. If you have a conflict with one of those dates, please let us know now. We cannot guarantee to move it, but we guarantee to take it into consideration. Even if you just have comments, suggestions, or ideas as they relate to the Fest dates. Please sound off now! We look forward to seeing you at Fest XXI!

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Editorial

D-Day, the sixth of June is a day well known to Gramsters. This date is the first historical date that I learned without a teacher demanding that I learn it. I can remember the twentieth anniversary quite well. I might be able to remember the fifteenth anniversary, but it is sort of mixed up in the cob webs of my memory.

In the intervening years I have read many account of D-Day and have been very fortunate to talk to a few veterans who landed on D-Day.

I have been very fortunate to visit the beaches of Normandy. I have walked in the water and run by fingers through the sand. I have visited the sites, the battlefields and the cemeteries. They are all profoundly moving. It is emotional for me to even sit here and type these words.

I was a collector if not a numismatist before I knew about D-Day. It certainly was not a coincidence that somehow I merged my respect for D-Day and my numismatic passions. The study of both can--and have--provided endless hours of joy.

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Dear Gram,
Jan and I are finally back in Maine and Fest XX is history. Thanks to the BOSS, Fred, Harold, Dave, John, Kim and all the rest for a wonderful time. It was nice to see old festers again after my 5 year absence. Plan on being there for XXI. I am trying to complete a silver fest token collection. I am missing Fest # 2, 3, 5, 7, and 17 if anyone has one for sale my E mail is ctobin23@aol.com or tel 1 207 989 7462.

Regards

Robbie (AKA Harold) & Jan Robinson

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A Contemporary Report

by Steve Feller

Below is an extract from *The Inside Story of UNRRA* by Marvin Klemme. There are many numismatic facts in this book, but this one stands out for its interest to Gramsters. Of course the author makes some statements relating to production of the notes and even the motivation of the United States in providing the production materials that we would quibble about today. The entry is accompanied by the image of a Soviet-printed 100 mark note--serial number -5519618. Still, it is a great contemporary report.

...The (Jewish) people all seemed to have large rolls of German money. Also, what was hard to explain was the fact that many of them had large numbers of crisp new Allied invasion notes- mostly of the 100 mark denomination. Before leaving, we spent some time looking over the camp and mingling with the D.P.s, including one group that Fishbein said had just arrived that morning.

It wasn't long before the story connected with the "crisp new Allied invasion notes" became a matter of common knowledge. What happened was that at Yalta, President Roosevelt allowed the Russians the use of our printing plates and engraving plates. No one knows how much money they ran off the plates but it has been estimated that this act of generosity may well have cost the U.S. taxpayer over a quarter of a billion dollars.

The kind-hearted Russians had, before sending the Jews on their way, seen that they were well supplied with those new notes. A large amount of this money later showed up in the Lubeck area, in the hand of Polish groups. They were trying to get American dollars, or American goods, and were offering the invasion money at sixteen times the official rate. Since this money wasn't costing the Russians anything, they were handing it out in liberal amounts.

Fest Dates

After a long delay, the dates for the next Fest have been confirmed. MPCFest XXI will be held April 17-19, 2020 at Camp Leo May (aka Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton, OH). Festers should call Kim at 419 732 7322 to confirm their reservations. Once again the hotel is planning construction so it is important that you call. In addition, Kim likes to talk to Festers!

Military Numismatics at ANA Convention

The convention of the American Numismatic Association next week in Chicago (Rosemont) will provide many opportunities for collectors with special interest in military numismatics.

Many Festers and other collectors will be there. The bourse and exhibit areas should provide plenty of interesting material to see or purchase. The Military Collectors' Club will have a meeting/mini Fest on Saturday at 1300 immediately after the IBNS meeting.

The convention starts Tue the 13 and goes through Saturday the 17th.

Editorial

Has it really been two months since the last Gram? Sadly, it has. In June when the last Gram was published, the Boss and I headed out on an extended trip. I had intended to publish Grams along the way. As you know, it did not happen. There are many reasons, but none of them is lack of things to report. We did not have as many numismatic adventures as I expected, but we had enough that I should have gotten some Grams out. Shame on me.



One of our stops was London and one of my important destinations there was the Imperial War Museum. It had been a long time since I visited the museum and many things have changed. Mostly for the better. I will file reports on that visit at a later time. I must admit to being pleased that the museum created special nose art in my honor.

I had planned on visiting the IWM aviation annex. I had never been there and was really looking forward to it. I knew that it was north of London. I thought that meant north London. No, it is WAY north of London and beyond the time and distance that I had available. I was really disappointed. Then I made a discovery. London has the Royal Air Force Museum.

Not what I was looking for, but it sounded good and it was! The museum did not have a lot of numismatic content, but it did have some good things. The highlight was a large case displaying World War II escape and evasion materials including paper money. Unfortunately, there was no information about the sources of the notes. Where did the kit makers get the notes or did they make the notes too?

The escape and evasion display harkened to the program presented by Ray at the Fest. I sent here some images directly from the museum. I hope that she follows up on this lead in time for the next Fest.

In spite of my particularly poor performance of the past two months, I expect to publish a Gram immediately after the ANA convention, and one during the convention if there is breaking news. Please send your reports.

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Dear Gram,

Hello my name is Emmett Haralson and I'm a Retired Disabled Veteran. I've been interested in collecting MPC Fest Notes for years. I'm being told that there's a MPC Gram issued monthly. May I subscribe to it?

Emmett Haralson

Dear Emmett,

Welcome aboard. I can hear the laughing around the country because of your comment about the Gram being a monthly publication. Too often we have gone more than a month without a Gram for which I am apologetic. When the Gram started we frequently had an issue every day! Now I would like to settle on a firm once a week schedule with occasional extras as breaking news demands.

We certainly look forward to submissions from you be they letters, commentaries, questions, suggestions or whatever.

Editot

Dear Gram,

Fest XXI will be 20-11 March 2020? That's what Myers' article says. What are the REAL dates?

Joe

Dear Joe,

The real dates are April 17-19.

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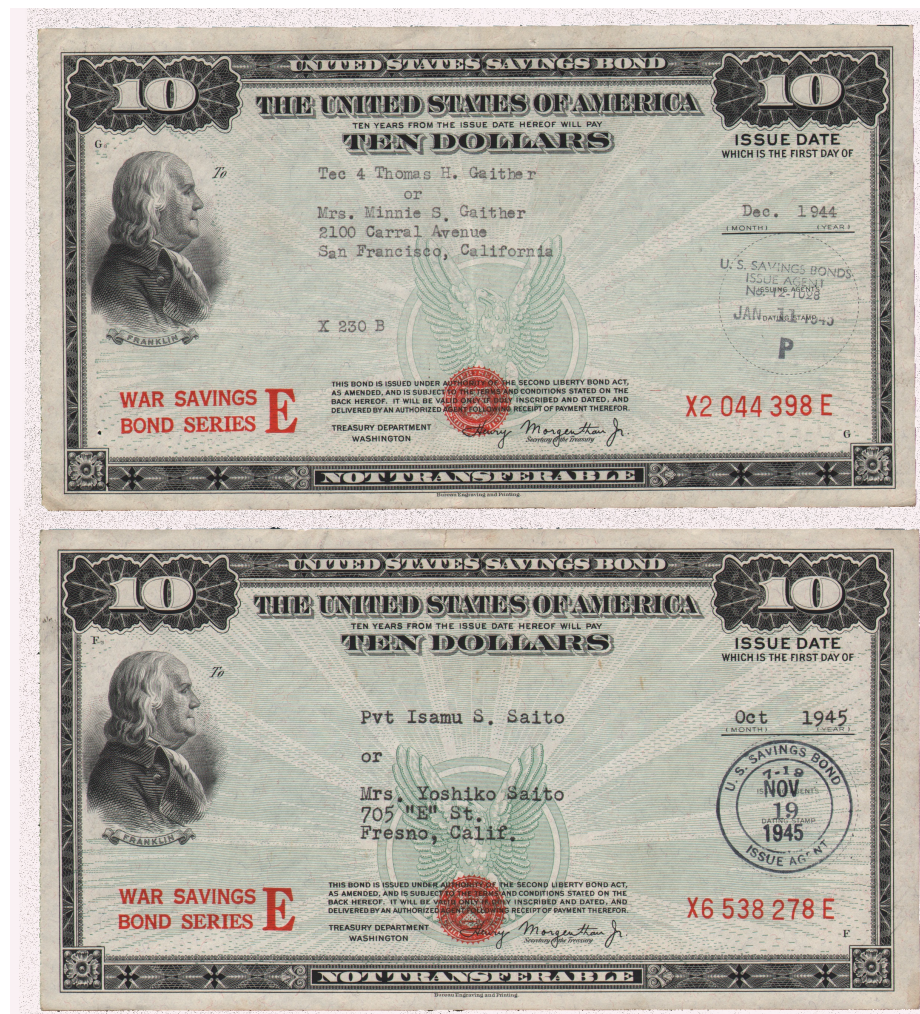
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World's Fair of Money report part 1

by Fred Schwan

The 2019 World's Fair of Money, aka American Numismatic Association Convention in Rosemont was a great event. In addition to being a great social event (which it was) it was a good place to find things. Things being both artifacts and research material. I found both.

The research material is spectacular and interesting, but will have to wait until I can do some checking.



World War II United States war bonds are favorites of mine. Fortunately, the \$10 soldiers' bonds are not as rare as they once were. Now that they are somewhat available, we can find more examples to study (and collect).

I found two great examples of this at the event. What first attracted me to them was that they are made out to men including their rank (private and Technician 4). I know at least three collectors who are interested in collecting these \$10 bonds by rank so I was quite pleased to find two pieces at the show. Quite amazingly, I found these in the inventories of two different dealers.

I bought them pretty much based upon the ranks. It was only after getting home (weeks after), that I looked them over more closely. When I did that, I was very pleased.

Both bonds are addressed to persons from California. First we will look at the Tec 4. I am a bit ashamed that I had to do some research as to what a Tec 4 was or even what the insignia looked like. When I found it, I remembered seeing it and being confused before. An Army Tec 4 had three stripes over a T. Three strips for a Tec 4. No wonder that I was confused. I am further embarrassed about this confusion because I have a World War II photograph of my father, Tec 4 Schwan.

The serial number on this bond, while not spectacular, is relatively low at 2,044,399. The bond is dated December 1944. The \$10 denomination was introduced in August 1944. The serial number is about 10% of the entire issue so all of this seems about right.

The other bond is even more interesting. When I first found it on the bourse, I noticed the Japanese name and California address. I speculated that the owner might have been interned before returning or moving to Fresno after being released, then I put it out of my mind during the negotiations.

It was only this evening that I looked in World War II Savings Bonds and Stamps. There on page 15, I was thrilled to find another bond made out to the same Pvt Saito, but on that bond his mother lived in Amache, Colorado--in an internment camp! That is a very historic bond and this one is the rest of the story so to speak.

History in your hands! Next time some coins (gasp) from the show.

Editorial

The Boss and I had a great time at the World's Fair of Money aka annual convention of the American Numismatic Association. We had the chance to chat with many Festers, attend meetings and lectures, and overall have fun.

Just chatting with Festers (and other collector friends) is enough reason to attend for us. That part has not changed much over the years (decades). Other things have changed. In the ages before the internet, the convention bourse was a great. It was one of THE annual paper money events.

Many collectors say that this has changed. That there is not (or not much) paper money on the bourse floor. First, let

me say that for most Festers such comments mean that there is not much world paper money on the bourse. That is true

However, there is now a lot of world paper money in the convention auctions. Of course, you can sit at home and participate in the auctions.

Of course, you can still find things on the bourse as demonstrated by the lead story. Next year will be in Pittsburgh. We look forward to attending that event too.

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Third place: Dan Freeland, for "Selected Michigan Nationals From Union City." in Class 2: United States Fiscal Paper, Sidney W. Smith/William Dornon Memorial.

Second place: Kathy Freeland, for "Connecting to the Past" Love Token Bracelets From the 1800s." in Class 7: Engraved Coins, Love Token Society Award.

Third place: Judy Schwan, for "Baghdad Shilling News." In Class 7: Engraved Coins, Love Token Society Award.

Third place: Fred Schwan, for "Those Daring Young Men in their Flying Machines." In Class 10: General, Specialized, and Topical, Robert Hendershott Memorial.

Myers

Dear Bill,

We missed you at the convention. See you at the Fest!

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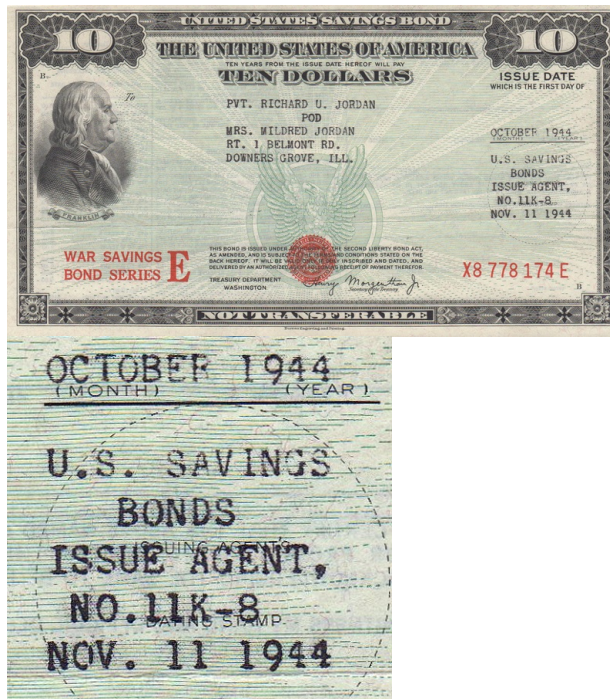
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MPCGram Comes of Age



The unofficial newsletter and voice of the military numismatic community, the MPCGram, starts its twenty first publication year today, Veterans Day. The first issue of the Gram was published in 1999. Somewhere along the line in the early years collector and Gramser Brad Peacock suggested that the publication year for the Gram should start on Veterans Day instead of the actual anniversary, January 1, or any other particular day. The beauty of that suggestion was obvious and the Gram's publication year has been on that basis ever since.

The above soldier's bond was officially issued by the government on 11.11.1944--75 years ago today although it had been sold in October.

Convention Report Part 2

by Fred Schwan



Your editor, The Boss, Abraham Lincoln, Louise Boling, Brett Irik, Ben Franklin, Joe Boling.



Dave Frank, The Boss, Dave Seelye, your editor.

The big final evening event at the ANA convention is the annual banquet. Such events are a bit controversial. Basically, traditional banquet events are just dreadfully expensive. A ticket costs around \$100 each (ouch). Joe and I (and in many cases spouses) have attended these events for many years. Judy and I enjoy the events. I think that Joe does too, but he usually complains that he should be elsewhere working.

The banquet special this year because we used it as an excuse to award the first ever Fest challenge coin ring to Bret Irick. He won the ring at Fest XX in April. The ring had to be made to size so it was not ready at the Fest (a far better excuse than I usually have).

As I said, it was awarded at the banquet (it did not make the agenda, but we did have a group of celebrities for the presentation (see the photo).

The first ever Fest ring was had made by original Fester Doug Bell. He will be at the Fest in 2020 demonstrating his skills and equipment.

Editorial

I should be getting good at these whiny apology letters about missed Gram from way too much practice. I am sorry.

In this case the delay/lack has not even been for lack of material. I have a backlog of good material. Not toooooo much, but still enough for another Gram or two and I have some ideas for others as well. So, watch your mail box! I can hear the jeers now.

Of course the motivation for this Gram was Veterans Day. I just had to get a Gram out for that.

The entire Gram staff wishes all veterans a happy holiday. Thank you for your service.

A contributing factor to the Gram schedule is a training issue. I am just not very skilled at the software that we are using (I am not even sure if software is the right term for something that I do via the internet). For example, probably the word editorial is not centered at the top of this editorial.

It IS centered on my screen when I create it. Sure, a small problem, but a frustrating one too.

Then there are the images. They revolutionized the Gram when they were introduced a few years ago. Unfortunately, at my stage of training, it seems that every image is a crisis.

It took more than an hour to get the image of the bond in the lead story into the Gram. I will not tell you all of the possible errors that can be made when working with the image. I really do think that I have made them all, but possibly there are a few more. Still, that does not matter so much because I cannot remember all of the solutions or work arounds for the ones that I have solved.

Of course, it would help if we sent out a few Grams a week all with images. Oh well, we will keep trying.

Next Gram soon.

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Gentlemen,

I received today from FUN (addressed to IBNS) a solicitation for a club exhibit at the FUN show in January. This would be for an exhibit that is both educational and promotes the club. Clubs get cash prizes for awards, not plaques or numismatic materials.

Exhibits can be set up Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning, and must remain in place until Sunday afternoon. The club must be a FUN member, which IBNS is.

Although IBNS may not want to build and enter an exhibit, MPCFest could if Fest is a FUN member. I have an exhibit promoting Fest that Fred showed at the ANA Chicago show this year, and that I showed at our local club exhibit night (after which a member said he wants to come to fest). I can send the exhibit materials to one of you if you want to install it (assuming Fred sends in a membership application for Fest). Fred took home the challenge coins that he was showing, but the other materials are with me (bonds, Fest certificates). I added some of my own challenge coins, which I will not send with the exhibit materials. I also placed ration cards and other Fest ephemera in the exhibit when I showed it, which will also not be sent with it. It is a one-case exhibit. See the photo attached.

Does anyone going to FUN want to install an exhibit promoting either IBNS or Fest? At this time Louise and I are not planning to attend. Exhibit rules and application forms can be obtained at www.funtopics.com (not .org). Application deadline is 1 December IN THEIR HANDS (not merely postmarked by).

Joe

Dear Joe,

Wow, you recruited a Fester with the exhibit! Wonderful, great job! The ANA was a trial run for the Fest exhibit. I designed it to be very easy to install. It can be used with Fest material (medals, notes, bonds etc.) or just put into a standard case. From your report it sounds like it was successful!

I think that I took a picture of the exhibit at the convention. I will try to find it (the photo) and include it in a future Gram. I will also try to find the file that created it (the exhibit). Potentially, I can send the file via email for use by Festers (and would-be Festers around the country).

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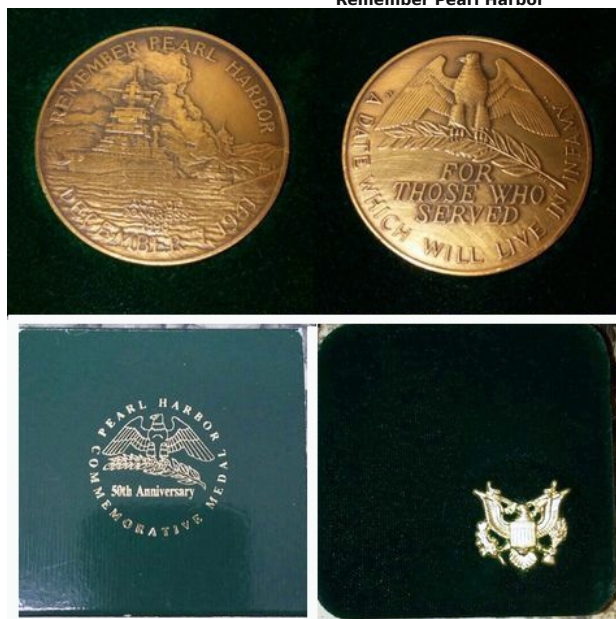
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Remember Pearl Harbor



by Bill Myers

Fred had called me while I was out and when I returned the call he was waiting in line to see the movie *Midway*. I assume he will write a review (no pressure Fred). He asked me if I had known about the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Medal and I answered with a resounding no. I had to look it up. The medal is also known as the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal.

The medal is a bronze. It was established by Congress on 5 November 1990. It was to be issued as close to the 50th anniversary as possible. The initial eligibility was to have been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in Hawaii on 7 December 1941 and have participated in combat against Japanese forces. Being killed or wounded was deemed to have been in combat.

On 23 September 1996 the eligibility was extended to civilians who were in Hawaii on 7 December 1941 and participated in combat against the Japanese. The medal was issued from 1 February 1991 to 6 December 1993. Next of kin could apply for the medal.

The medal is not to be worn. It is 1.5 inches in diameter. The obverse has a battleship in the middle with "ACT OF CONGRESS 1990" below it, "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR" curving across the top and "DECEMBER 7, 1941" curving across the bottom. The reverse has an eagle grasping an olive branch in its talons with "FOR THOSE WHO SERVED" below it. Curving along the rim from the upper left to the upper right in a counterclockwise direction is "A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY".

I have not been able to locate how many were distributed but I have seen pictures of the medal on line and there was one on E-bay when I searched for it. Looking at records of past sales they have sold for \$50 to \$200.

This seems to be a relatively unknown medal that got very little coverage when issued and it is time to correct that.

Editorial

Midway is a very good movie. It might even be a great movie. I am reserving that opinion until I see the movie again! Fester Bill Gordon and I saw the movie shortly after it was released. We both enjoyed it and found it quite accurate. Thereafter, I tried to arrange for another viewing with Festers Brad and David Schwan. Bill was also going to see it a second time, but we just could not make it work.

It is important that I get this in now, because the movie will not be in theaters much longer.

The title to the movie really should be something like *The North Pacific War* because while the movie featured the Battle of *Midway*, it also spends much time on the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Doolittle raid.

First, I must report that there is very little of direct numismatic interest to the movie except, of course, that to me everything about the war is numismatic.

There is one very brief scene where a Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded. Although it is brief, the medal is clearly visible.

The most important criticism that I have also is about military awards. Richard Best was a legendary naval aviator. He is featured in the movie. At the very end of the movie, final comments about the main characters are flashed on the screen. In one it states that Best won the Navy Cross. How sad. He did not win the Navy Cross nor any other military decorations. It was awarded to him. It was not awarded as part of a competition. Ok, perhaps I am too sensitive about this, but I hate it and it comes up too often. Usually, it comes up with regard to the Medal of Honor, but it is equally wrong with regard to other medals and decorations.

We would be delighted to have comments from others Gramsters who have seen the movie.

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Dear Gram,

Saw the Veterans Day Gram. Keep up the good work! Happy Veteran's Day to you!

Thought about our tours with 82d, Vietnam, Leavenworth (great experiences). Glad to have met you and the boss and call you friends. Will try to arrange schedule to get out to the Fest next spring.

Also thinking about my Army buddies who are now swapping tales around the heavenly campfires.

Kansas Bill

Dear Bill,

Thank you, but be careful. Your letter sounds a lot like praise! We look forward to seeing you at Fest XXI!

Editor

Dear Gram,

Hello:

I just purchased WW II USA POW Camp Chit book from David Steele thru Ebay. He enclosed a note to ask you for a subscription to the MPCGram. Sign me up! If there is a charge, please advise, as most times, money is tighter than my sisters girdle.

Thank you for your consideration,

BF

Hello Gram,

David and I had a great time at D-Day Conneaut this year... biggest, best one yet.

There I met Marion Adams. He was a radioman for LST-491 in WW2. He says while sequestered aboard ship, the paymaster came aboard and made the sailors exchange their British pounds for yellow seal notes. His LST which was operating between the British Isles and France around D-Day. Would love to find confirmation of their use in that area of the ETO for his family. All sources I can find say North Africa and Sicily, but no mention of issuing them aboard ships heading to France.

Dave

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your great letter which included a really nice picture of Radioman Adams. Unfortunately, after a long time trying, I could not get his picture from your email to the Gram. Can you send the image again as an attachment?

Re regarding the use of yellow seal dollars, there is much that we do not know. Probably 20 years ago I would have said that his recollections were wrong. Since then we have found more information.

For one thing, many (perhaps all or nearly all) finance sections outside of the Pacific carried an inventory of yellow seal dollars in addition to whatever local money they were using. At a minimum, the yellow seals were used when personnel were moving between areas where different currencies were used.

We look forward to seeing you and your son David at MPCFest 21 AND at Conneaut 2020. They are both great events.

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